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Vlado Bozinoski in full cry for his Portuguese club, the glamorous Sporting Lisbon. Since transferring from Beira Mar this season Bozinoski, who originally joined FC Brugge with Frank Farina in October 1988, has been a regular first team starter. He scored a goal in Sporting's 7-0 demolition of Polytechnica Timisoara in the UEFA Cup and may again get on the scoresheet in the return game in Romania on Wednesday.

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Stadium

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6pm

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BY JOHN WARREN AND KEITH GILMOUR

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PELE



PUSKAS

WORLD footballing legends Pelé and Puskas will make a unique joint appearance at St George Stadium in Sydney next Saturday night.

They will be seen both prior to and during the St George-Marconi round 6 NSL fixture.

Pelé will also be

at Dymocks in Sydney on Thursday next November 8 (see page 3) and at Angus and Robertsons in Melbourne on Tuesday November 13 (see page 11).

Pelé, here for the launch of the Pelé albums, which takes place at the Sydney Football Stadium on Monday evening November 12, and Puskas, in Sydney

for his South Melbourne side clash with Sydney Croatia the previous day (Sunday November 11), would be in everyone's top five players of all times.

St George is believed to be paying Weldon International, the publishers of the Pelé albums, \$6 000 for Pelé's appearance.

Saints jumped on what should prove

an outstanding promotion, and received the NSL's blessing to switch its home match against pedigreed Marconi from the Sunday to next Saturday night.

Kick off time for the Saints-Marconi encounter is 7pm, the Youth League

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NSL action in Melbourne — strength in numbers as Heidelberg's Phil Stubbins (left) and Chris Iliopoulos combine to clear from Wollongong City's Paul Farmer — Photo by JOE MONTEMURRO.

Pressure is on Sydney Olympic

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

AS all sides settle down for the long tough season, Round 6 this weekend throws together some interesting tussles.

They begin with the St George v Marconi clash on Saturday evening, and include yet another Greek derby for Sydney Olympic against Heidelberg on Sunday.

First up at St George Stadium, the young Saints will be determined to erase the bitter memories from last season when they hosted a Marconi side beginning to find its feet and charge up the table.

Last summer on the same ground the Fairfielders humbled Frank Arok's team 7-0, with Zlatko Nastevski running riot to score five exceptional goals.

It would appear Nastevski has timed his return from injury to haunt the Saints, although David Seal, ably supported by John Markovski and David Lowe, will prove an equally difficult prospect for Frank Arok's defence.

Don't be surprised to see Steve Corica from the AIS in the Marconi squad.

In fact, the Saints have won only six matches in 24 clashes with Marconi, and on Saturday the trend



ROD BROWN

should continue with the visitors taking the points.

They were particularly unfortunate to lose Andy Koczka, who broke a leg last week. Best wishes, Andy for a good recovery.

Sydney Olympic, having begun the defence of their title in less than impressive fashion, travel to Melbourne for the second week in a row to face Greek rivals Heidelberg at the Olympic Village on Sunday, kicking off at 6pm.

Apia Leichhardt and Adelaide City clash at Lambert Park, also on Sunday, with both sides keen to improve on an indifferent start to the competition.

While new signing Ernie Tapai continues to impress and bang the goals away at City, the club is suffering its worst start for years.

Apia, who looked impressive at the outset, have stumbled of late but to their advantage have Rod Brown back to sniff out the half chances.

Adelaide City have won only once in nine matches at Lambert Park, and on Sunday Apia should take both points once again.

In the remaining matches, Preston at home to Parramatta Melita, and should take the points at Connor Reserve.

The visiting Melbourne Croatia will be endeavouring to come good after their huge loss to rampant Preston Makedonia, against Wollongong City at Brandon Park, both matches being on Sunday.

This will be another big test for ex-Socceroo skipper Charlie Yankos and his merry men.

While Heidelberg's return to the league has been solid as witness their 2-2 draw with St George last Sunday, coach Len McKendry will use this weekend's clash with the NSL champions to gauge the Bergers' prospects this season.

Olympic again have their problems with transfers, injuries and a lack of polish around the goalmouth.

This has contributed to their average start to the season, and coach Mick Hickman desperately needs a touch of luck and the points to get his side back in business after Sunday's 2-0 loss to Souths.



On current form a draw appears likely although in eight matches between the two sides in Melbourne, Olympic have won only once.

The Croatian Sports Centre match should entertain a large crowd when South Melbourne pay a visit to Sydney Croatia on Sunday, kicking off at 7pm.

The new look Croatia, who have lost the experienced Alan Hunter on loan to Parramatta Melita, began the season with an upset win over Marconi in the first round but have lost their way since.

Souths on the other hand, even without striker Paul Trimboli, have begun the year with their usual finesse, and although they have not won at Croatia for three seasons should be too classy for the home side on Sunday.

Wollongong Macedonia, this season's surprise packets, venture to Melbourne for the first time to take on the unpredictable Sunshine at Skinner Reserve on Sunday.

While George Cross seem to have cured their woes up front, their shaky defence continues to allow soft goals and the visiting Wollongong will no doubt prove another handful for Ernie Merrick's men.

TEAM PICTURES WITH PELE

TEAMS up to under 15 in full playing gear can be photographed with Pelé at St George Stadium on Saturday night.

They must be in charge of one or two adults, and congregate outside the stadium entrance at 6pm at the latest.

Team photo groups will line up in the stadium, and Pelé will move from one group to another.

They must bring small signs showing the name of their team and the age group.

Pelé will enter the ground at 6.30pm and drive around the perimeter of the playing field in an open car.

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Wolves devour meek Marconi

BY LEN CHAFER

WOLLONGONG rose to great heights to down Marconi 2-1 at Brandon Park yesterday.

Wollongong had only 10 men for the last 28 minutes after Zivko Hristovski received his marching orders from the referee in the 62nd minute.

Wollongong was already leading 2-1 at that stage but a 100 per cent effort from all players secured the valuable two points for the Wolves.

In the 10th minute Miladin Kuc had a chance to score when he turned the fullback in the penalty area but instead of crossing the ball he tried to sidefoot the ball into the net.

His weak effort was easily cleared.

In the 15th minute the linesmen seemed to make a bad mistake when Kuc was put through by Lloyd and appeared on side.

Hollyfield long balled Skeen who played back to Hollyfield and Bate headed on to Oldridge who hit the ball high over the bar from only two metres.

In the 37th minute Ian Gray took a free kick from 30 metres out and the Wollongong goalkeeper dived and blocked the shot but was slow to retrieve it and Lowe poaching in the six yard area slipped the ball into the net.

The Wolves hit back in the 42nd minute when Skeen latched on to a loose ball and hit first time into the net from 25 metres.

In the second half Hollyfield sent in a long free kick on the left in his own half and Richard Lloyd met the ball perfectly to head it in the top right hand corner of the goal in the 53rd minute.

In the 62nd minute Hristovski was shown the red card when he clashed with Paul Okon.

The referee, who had previously given Hristovski a yellow card, was close to the incident and had no hesitation in sending him off.

David Ratcliffe, the Wollongong coach, had to bring Pat Brodnik back into the midfield and play with two front men only.

David Lowe for Marconi sent in a powerful shot from the right towards the end of the game but the Wollongong goalkeeper collected the ball well.

In a tremendous action-packed game Wollongong was able to hold out without further score and was happy to pick up the two points.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutos 6, Green 5, Hollyfield 6, Yankos 7, Morlando 7, Skeen 8, Hristovski (sent off), Lloyd 6, Oldridge 4 (Brodnik 58), Bate 6, Kuc 5 (McKinna 75).

MARCONI: Catlin 6, Wheatley 7, de Marigny 5, Jones 5, Okon 7, Gray 6, McCulloch 6, Katholos 5 (Calderan 65), Seal 5 (Nasevski 81), Markovski 6, Lowe 6.

YELLOW CARDS: Skeen 16, Lloyd 35, Yankos 50 (WC), McCulloch 73, de Marigny 89m Marconi.
RED CARD: Hristovski 62m for Wollongong.
REFEREE: B. Monteverde 6.
CROWD: 3,451.

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Call the cops, Melita's last gasp goal robs Apia!

BY LACHLAN BARKER

MELITA Eagles returned from the dead to win a breathtaking match 1-0 against Apia Leichhardt at Lambert Park.

It was a game packed with incident and excitement for its entire 96 minutes.

Yes, that's how long the game lasted...

Apia began at full speed and within 90 seconds two shots had already come in on Alex McPherson's Melita goal.

One was two metres wide and the other 15 metres over the bar.

The game then settled into a pattern of Apia coming forward with their four industri-

ous midfielders working hard but the finishing let them down each time.

Klaus Okon, was busy and strong on the right, Milan Blagojevic was assured on the ball and Brian Ellem and Shane Clinch were always looking for more running to do.

Melita were essentially outgunned and relied heavily on Greg Brown and Hugo Gimenez to provide their spark, which was unfortunate as

Gimenez was sent off in the 32nd minute for allegedly stamping on Graham Jennings.

The stage was thus set for Apia to sweep Melita away.

However, as we have seen countless times 10 men are as hard, if not harder, to beat than eleven.

After a fairly even first half, the second half began with Rod Brown, a halftime substitution for Mark Brown, missing an open goal set up by a

hard-working Jennings on the left flank.

Melita replied in the 60th minute with a Washington Gonzales drive from a move that he instigated in his own penalty area.

Then a hat-trick of unlucky misses by Apia broke their heart, but not their backs.

Twice Blagojevic directed millimetre-perfect curling drives at the top corners of the Melita goal only for McPherson to appear from thin air to tip the ball over the bar.

Not to be outdone, Rod Brown hit a low drive from the edge of the area into a sea of legs around the Melita goal.

The ball seemed to enter the net when McPherson produced another miraculous save to emerge from the melee clutching the ball to his chest.

With the game into injury-time and apparently headed for a 0-0 draw which would have flattered Melita, the unthinkable happened.

Jarek Nowicki won the ball on the right flank, spotted an unmarked Gus Cerro, who relayed the ball into the path of Marshall Soper.

Soper, who had precious few, if any, scoring chances all game, became a hero for his side when he made the most of Cerro's pass, slamming the ball clinically into Brett Hughes's Apia net.

Apia once more had snatched defeat from the jaws of victory and must ask themselves some searching questions.

Melita, for their part, would have to be delirious with their first win of the season.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Hughes 5, Blagojevic 7, Jennings 6, Stewart 5, M. Brown 5 (R. Brown 45m, 5), Clinch 7, Ellem 6, Gomez 6, McFadden 5 (Batten 75m), Bundalo 6, Okon 6.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 8, Williams 6, O'Donnell 5, Barrios 5, Gonzalez 6, Mason 5, Nowicki 6 (Parison 92m), Gimenez (sent off 32m), Soper 6, G. Brown 6, Gunning 6 (Cerro 79m).

SCORER: Soper 96m for Melita.

YELLOW CARDS: Ellem 71m, R. Brown 87m for Apia; Barrios 5m, Soper 35m for Melita.

RED CARD: Gimenez 32m for Melita.

REFEREE: R. Davies 6. CROWD: 2798.



ABOVE — Melita hero, goalie Alex McPherson in action on Sunday. BOTTOM — Apia's Shane Clinch gives Marshall Soper the slip — STEPHEN GOSCH Photo.



Pelé at Dymocks store on Thursday

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PELÉ, the greatest footballer of all time, will be making the first public appearance of his current Australian tour late on Thursday afternoon at Sydney's Dymocks main city bookstore, situated at 428 George Street, Sydney.

Pelé will be there to meet all his fans and personally sign copies of his recently launched book, 'The Pelé Albums', between 5pm and 6.30pm.

The 'King' will arrive by limousine in George Street and will make his way through the crowd into the bookstore.

Dymocks have already planned a huge security cordon to escort Pelé and traffic control has already been notified to supervise the expected congestion.

Dymocks' promotions manager, Ms Jennifer Westrup, told ASW last night: "As a memento of this wonderful occasion, our company will be giving away a free gift to the first 300 customers who



Ms JENNIFER WESTRUP

buy a copy of the 'Pelé Albums' and signed by Pelé.

"This gift will be limited to only one to a customer.

"In addition, we will offer a chance to all customers to win a special soccer ball signed by Pelé.

"All customers will get a ticket into a draw, which will take place at the end of the book

signing, but you must be there to win and claim your prize."

Dymocks have organised large supplies of 'The Pelé Albums' to be available as already they have been inundated with an enormous response to Pelé's expected arrival at the bookstore.

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Sydney Croatia

- 3 Zelic (SC)
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Apia v
Melita

- 3 McPherson (ME)
2 Blagojevic (AL)
1 Clinch (AL)

Sunshine v
Adelaide City

- 3 Clarkson (S)
2 Veart (AC)
1 Foster (S)

Wollongong v
Marconi

- 3 Skeen (W)
2 Yankos (W)
1 Wheatley (M)

Preston v
Melb. Croatia

- 3 Spink (P)
2 Crino (P)
1 Trajanovski (P)

SM Hellas v
Syd Olympic

- 3 Phillips (SO)
2 McLaren (SMH)
1 Bernal (SO)

Sydney Croatia v
Wollongong Mac

- 3 Dimov (WM)
2 Petkovic (SC)
1 P. Wilson (WM)

St George v
Heidelberg

- 3 Moffitt (StG)
2 Stubbins (Heid)
1 Herd (Heid)

LATEST
SPORTSCENE
POINTS

- 9: Stubbins (Heid)
7: Skeen (Woll City),
Filan (St Geo)
6: Dimov (Woll Mac),
Zelic (Syd Croatia), Bun-
dalo (Apia), Davidson
(Melb Croatia), Gon-
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South keep unbeaten
20-game home run

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas extended its unbeaten home run to 20 matches when it won a sparkling Greek derby 2-0 against reigning champion Sydney Olympic.

off the crossbar summed up Olympic's plight.

The second half produced all the spectacular action one could possibly expect from two sides set to repeat their epic finals battles of recent seasons.

Paul Trimboli, who

duced some magic moments but was off target with his final shots under pressure in the 57th and 62nd minutes.

The end to end shoot-out, as South Melbourne defended in numbers and broke away with venom, culminated in South Melbourne's second goal in the 67th minute as Tsolakis brilliantly beat Olympic first gamer Louis Triantafylou as he ran on to Petersen's long through ball and ran in to beat Clint Gosling in a one on one situation.

The fresh legs of Con Boutsianis brought new life to South Melbourne in the dying stages but a third goal would surely have been too great a reward for one side in what was a generally even contest.

"It's not the best that they've played," was the summation of South Melbourne coach Ferenc Puskas.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren 8, Healy 7, Postecoglou 6, Durakovic 7, Blair 7, Wade 6, Talladros 6, Petersen 6, Trimboli 6 (Boutsianis 68), Tasios 5 (Fernandes 79) Tsolakis 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 6, Triantafylou 5, Hooker 7, Spyridakos 7, Bernal 8, Hristodoulou 7, Phillips 8, Ironside 6, Ollerenshaw 6, Hagan 5 (Bennett 65, Sharpley 75), Refenes 7.

SCORES: Tasios 12m, Tsolakis 67m for South.

YELLOW CARDS: Durakovic 30m for South.

REFEREE: J Santa-Isabel 8.

CROWD: 5,797.



South Melbourne's starlet Con Boutsianis.
— Pic by JOE MONTEMURRO.

South Melbourne hardly had the game its own way against sizzling Olympic but when the question was asked of the home side they answered it with a determined defensive display.

Hellas struck early when Steve Tasios and Peter Tsolakis combined well to set up a cross by the latter which David Healy headed against the crossbar and Tasios followed up to roll the ball home in the 12th minute.

But for a good 40 minutes after the match opened Olympic pounded a South Melbourne side seemingly content to merely hold its lead.

Led by the irrepressible Gary Phillips whose tireless work in the middle of the park won him the man of the match honours, Olympic produced enough to suggest that it will meet South Melbourne again come finals time.

South Melbourne keeper Bruce McLaren produced spectacular saves in the 14th minute from Andrew Bernal and in the 28th minute from Robbie Ironside whilst a further miss to Ironside and a 30 metre Eric Hristodoulou shot

was still obviously suffering the effect of the knee injury which kept him out of action for four weeks, pro-



PETER TSOLAKIS

Woll Macedonia subdued

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

SYDNEY Croatia finally brought Wollongong Macedonia's 25 match unbeaten run crashing to an end with a gruelling 2-1 win at Edensor Park last night — but not before John Fleming's boys put up a mighty courageous performance.

As the Wollongong coach admitted afterwards: "We knew that we had to get beaten sometime, I'm just so glad that we showed so much character. We will play much worse than that in the future and still win matches."

Croatia got off to a great start, taking the lead after just four minutes when striker Gordon Scott pounced on a loose ball just outside the area and hit a left-foot pile-driver which simply flew into the top corner.

The NSL newcomers however battled back strongly and started applying some pressure on the Croatian defence, putting together a couple of nice looking moves without ever really creating any clear cut chances.

They were finally rewarded for their efforts in the 24th minute, when defender Tom Pontidas fashioned out an equaliser with a clever ball through the middle of the Croatian defence which Brett Thorthwaite picked up and slid just inside the far post.

The remainder of the first half was forced to continue in semi-darkness as the ground floodlights failed, throwing Croatian officials into a hectic search for an electrician to get them restarted.

The game was developing into an even, well-contested encounter, with Macedonia going at Croatia and the home side waiting for the right opportunity to hit back on the counter.

From one such break just before half-time, Pedro Ricoy was unlucky not to hit the target when his header flew just over.

But seconds later he was there again to finish off a Manis Lamond cross from the left to send Croatia in at the break with a 2-1 lead.

Macedonia continued to battle well in the second half, but



MIKE GRBEVSKI (left)

with Croatia holding back looking for the chance to counter, the match degenerated into a scrappy midfield affair with space for anything creative at a premium.

With 20 minutes remaining Croatia coach Tony Vrzina replaced Lamond with new Chilean striker Hector Perez in an effort to add variety.

But Macedonia sweeper Lupco Dimov showed his vast experience by remaining ice cool under pressure and snuffing out any sign of danger.

Wollongong threw

all caution to the wind in the last quarter hour, stretching the Croatia defence to the limits but that elusive equaliser to prolong their unbeaten record simply failed to materialise.

CROATIA: Franken 7, Carter 6, Grbevski 6, Zelic 7, Kupresak 6, Runje 6, Petkovic 7, Gibson 6, Ricoy 6, Lamond 5 (Perez 72) Scott 6 (Koch 54).

MACEDONIA: P. Wilson 7, Pontidas 6, Dunn 6, D. Wilson 6, Dimov 8, Kay 6, Sandy 5, Bradley 6, Markovski 6, Fletcher 6, Thornthwaite 6.

YELLOW CARD: Runje, Lamond, Gibson (Sydney Croatia), Kay (Wollongong).

SCORERS: Scott 4 min, Ricoy 46m for Croatia; Thornthwaite 24min for Wollongong Macedonia.

CROWD: 3777.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc 6.

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Melbourne Croatia	5	3	1	1	11	10	7
Marconi	5	3	0	2	10	4	6
Preston	4	3	0	2	12	8	6
Sydney Croatia	5	2	2	1	5	5	6
Heidelberg United	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
St George	5	1	3	1	7	7	5
Wollongong City	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Sydney Olympic	5	1	3	1	3	4	5
Wollongong Mace	5	0	4	1	4	5	4
Parra Melita	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Adelaide City	5	0	3	2	6	9	3
Apia Leichhardt	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Sunshine GC	5	1	1	3	10	16	3

Results

DEFERRED GAME (PLAYED MIDWEEK) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Tapai) SYDNEY CROATIA (Gibson) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.
APIA 0 PARRAMATTA MELITA 1 (Soper) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2798.
PRESTON 6 (Spink 3, Trajanovski 2, Jolevski) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Kelic) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 5500.
SUNSHINE 1 (D. Hunter) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell) at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 2000.
ST GEORGE 2 (Moffitt, Krslovic) HEIDELBERG 2 (o.g. O'Shea, Bratten) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2173.
WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Skeen, Lloyd) MARCONI 1 (Lowe) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 3451.
SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Scott, Ricoy) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 1 (Thornthwaite) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3777.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Tassios, Tsolakis) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 5797.

CROWDS

ROUND 5: 25,496
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,642
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 114,074
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 22,814

TOP SCORERS

WARREN SPINK (Preston)	6
DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	4
TONY KRSLOVIC (St George)	4
PHIL STUBBINS (Heidelberg)	3
KIM TALIADOROS (South Melbourne)	3
GREG BROWN (Melita Eagles)	3
DEREK HUNTER (Sunshine)	3
IVAN KELIC (Melbourne Croatia)	3

Melbourne Croatia routed

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

PRESTON Makedonia demolished Melbourne Croatia 6-1 — its second highest ever victory in NSL games, amid hot conditions at Connor Reserve yesterday.

No supporters at the ground could have envisaged such a scoreline after a lively, even encounter during the first half that ended at 1-1.

Ironically, it was Croatia who opened the scoring in the ninth minute, when midfielder Josip Biskic, playing well early on, sent a free kick into the teeth of goal, where tall striker Ivan Kelic slotted home from close range after a goalmouth scramble.

Only two minutes later, Preston were back on level terms after a nice build-up involving four players.



ROBERT MARKOVAC

Midfield general, Oscar Crino, coming back into some form, went wide to Robert Markovac who sent a deep, dangerous cross to the far post where young Kris Trajanovski headed down to striker Warren Spink who instinctively hit a fine shot on the turn, which found the back of the net via the post.

The rest of the first half was a lively even affair with chances falling at both ends of the park.

Preston Makedonia took control early in the second half to pounce on a surprisingly uncertain Croatia defence.

Preston scored twice in a matter of only three minutes at the 55th and 58th minute mark.

Young Trajanovski, in only his fifth NSL appearance, scored his first ever NSL goal from close range after some fine tackling from Andrew Zinni which forced the opening.

A lovely Crino through ball found Trajanovski, running into the area and he planted his second goal in clinical style in the bottom left hand corner of the net.



Young Trajanovski almost made it a hat-trick after a fine Markovac through ball but his attempt was just wide of the target.

Makedonia made it 4-1 in the 79th minute after a delightful, individual run from George Petrov who found Spink deep in the area, and he was dumped by normally reliable defender George Hannah to concede a penalty.

Defender George Jolevski made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Only four minutes later irrepressible Spink weaved his way past two defenders to curl a beautiful goal into the top right hand corner of the net for 5-1.

With only a minute remaining Spink was at the right place at the right time to score his hat-trick and round off the amazing scoreline.

Young Trajanovski, also looking for a hat-trick slammed a fine 20

metre crack against the upright, and the rebound fell nicely to Spink who calmly nodded the ball into the net from right in front.



Craig Williams (Melita), left, and Apia's Graham Jennings at Lambert Park yesterday. Melita won 1-0 — STEPHEN GOSCH PHOTO.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 6, Petrov 7, Golevski 6, Jackson 6, Parton 5, Tasevski 5 (Roodhouse 45m 6, Zinni 7, Trajanovski 8, Spink 9, Crino 8, Markovac 8 7).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 5, Marth 5, Hannah 5,

Selemidis 5, Davidson 5, Talajic 5 (Silic 72), Biskic 7, Awaritefe 6 (Petravic 79), Kelic 6, Caleta 6.

YELLOW CARDS: Marth (MC) 31m.

REFEREE: T. McRoe 7.

CROWD: 5,500.

Late Berger equaliser

By JOHN ECONOMOS



Gary Bratten

Saints' crossbar.

Both sides were evenly balanced as the midfield was congested, making attractive play impossible.

But one minute before halftime Heidelberg came dangerously close to scoring when again Goutzoulis was involved.

The lanky midfielder gained possession 25 metres out and right in front to fire a magnificent rocketing drive well on target, but was denied joy by a fully stretched John Filan, who turned the shot around the post for a corner.

Heidelberg hit the front in the 58th minute through a disastrous 'own goal' scored by St George centre back Mike O'Shea who, completely unpressured, turned from 20 metres out and lobbed his own goal keeper.

St George equalised in the 62nd minute through rugged midfielder Craig Moffitt who blasted a tremendous half volley from the edge of the box follow-

ing a free kick taken by striker Zoran Ilic. The free kick was cleared by the Heidelberg defence but Moffitt was perfectly positioned to crash home his shot.

Saints hit the front in the 70th minute through giant striker Tony Krslovic when he cracked a magnificent 14 metre right footed drive that flashed just inside Jeff Olver's right post.

Krslovic should have made it 3-1 in the 79th minute when the giant striker rounded Olver but just as he unleashed his shot from just three metres out Olver stretching backwards fingertipped the danger onto his right post for his right fullback John Kanesoulis to clear.

Just prior to Koczka being stretchered onto the awaiting ambulance to rush him to St George hospital for X-rays, he told ASW, "it was a 50-50 challenge and there was nothing dirty about the incident. I feel there's a break right across the middle of my shin."

An elated Heidelberg coach Lenny McKendry said: "We worked that corner many times over and over the past few months it has brought us 17 goals. In the first session we were good value and we are a side who always look like scoring."

ST GEORGE: Filan 7, Milicevic 7, Koczka 7, O'Shea 6, Baillie 6, Moffitt 7, Harper 6, Kotsias 6, Krslovic 6, Ilic 6, El Ali 6.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver 7, Kanesoulis 5, McDowall 7, Cannell 6, Illopoulos 5, Herd 7, Brattan 6, Stubbins 7, Goutzoulis 6, Stevenson 6, McGeachy 6.

SCORERS: Moffitt 62m, Krslovic 70m (SG); O'Shea og 58m, Brattan 93m (H).

REFEREE: J Fraser 6.

CROWD: 2,173.

Tapai overcomes the jeers

BY PAUL KLARIC



SUNSHINE George Cross and Adelaide City shared the honours in a 1-1 draw at Skinner Reserve yesterday.

Both goals came in the first half, the first after three minutes through Sunshine's Derek Hunter and City's equaliser from big Steve Maxwell after 27 minutes.

The match was an even contest, which highlighted Sunshine's adventurous and useful approach, and City's depth of experience.

Sunshine took control early in the game and could have scored from any of four good chances before City equalised and then took the initiative until halftime.

In the second half Sunshine again looked the better team early, but City fought back briefly before Sunshine reasserted themselves.

Late in the game coach Ernie Merrick pushed midfielder Craig Foster into attack to join front runners Hunter and Andy Humble, and with midfielder David Clarkson in fine form, City looked particularly vulnerable.

It was more Sunshine's poor finishing

One of the main attractions of the game was the return to Skinner Reserve of Soccer-oo midfielder Ernie Tapai, who left Sunshine in mid contract to join City at the start of this season.

Tapai was jeered at almost every touch of the ball, but showed good composure despite the heckling, and covered vast amounts of the pitch all day.

City's best performers were Tapai and Olympic Soccer-oo Tony Vidmar and Carl Veart, whose vitality added bite to an aging City line-up.

Veart in particular showed poise and imagination in attack, and also in setting up chances for team mates.

Sunshine's goal came after Humble crossed from the right to Clarkson, whose unsuccessful attempt from several metres was finished off well by

Hunter to give Soccer-oo keeper Robert Zabica no chance.

City's reply caught the Sunshine defence napping, with Alex Tobin moving the ball into attack to Charley Villani, who laid it on to striker Maxwell for a simple shot from 15 metres.

Merrick said he was happier with his team's performance than with the result, but Adcity coach Zoran Matic was off to catch an early flight home with the team.

"Both teams had periods of dominance, but I think if we had converted some of our easy chances City might have been out of its depth," Merrick added.

"We played some tremendous football today, and provided we can do that more consistently, I am confident our young team could beat any side in the NSL."

SUNSHINE GC: Talia 6, Mori 6, Roodhouse 6 (Hasler 76m), Waddell 7, Ketsakidis 6, Foster 7, Kindtner 6, Hunter 7, Humble 7 (Alevisos 86m), Clarkson 8, Cranney 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 5, Shillabeer 6, T.Vidmar 7, Ivanovic 5, Tobin 6, Melita 5, Tapai 7, Villani 5 (Santrac 60m), Veart 8, Maxwell 6, A.Vidmar 6.

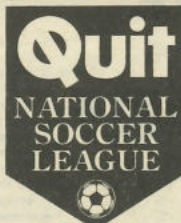
GOALS: Hunter 3m for Sunshine, Maxwell 27m for Adelaide City.

YELLOW CARDS: Maxwell 55m, Tapai 86m for Adelaide City.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge 7.

CROWD: 2,000.

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**WEEKEND
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ROUND 6**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

ST GEORGE BSC v MARCONI

St George Stad 7pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SYDNEY CROATIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

Croatian Spts C 7pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v WOLLONGONG

MACEDONIA

Skinner Reserve 6pm

APIA LEICHHARDT v ADELAIDE CITY

Lambert Park 5pm

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MELITA EAGLES

Connor Reserve 6pm

WOLLONGONG CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA

Brandon Park 7pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Olympic Village 6pm



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Saad in Singapore on weekly basis

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP



ABBAS SAAD

NATIONAL Soccer League champion Sydney Olympic has decided to allow striker Abbas Saad to continue playing with Singapore on a week to week basis.

Goal-shy Sydney Olympic have found the going tough recently and have badly missed the skills of Saad to put away the chances being created.

"At this stage, Abbas will remain part of the Singapore team in the Malaysia Cup but if he is seriously needed, he will be asked to return," said Olympic president,

George Pashalis.

"It's a difficult situation. Singapore has made an unbelievable offer to Abbas and we can't tell him we're going to stop him earning that sort of money."

"In regard to Alistair Edwards, who is also playing for Singapore, when his commitments are finished he will return and play for Olympic."

Saad's contract with Singapore ended on October 31, but the finals of the Malaysia Cup will not be staged until December.

Pashalis said the club was covered for strikers in the early stages of the National League until injuries forced out Marco Perinovic and George Sorras.

He has been highly impressed with talented teenager Sorras, and said the injury had been the only factor stopping the young striker from cementing a first team place.

"If we were not creating chances I would be worried but they are coming," Pashalis added.

Nastevski faces big challenge comeback

ZLATKO Nastevski, the former hero for Marconi in its back-to-back National League championships, may have to battle to regain his first team spot.

selection in the Australian team last year, spent months on the sideline after incurring a serious knee injury in his only national team appearance against Torpedo Moscow.

Nastevski made his first appearance for

ed up four goals in four games.

Nastevski will have to displace Seal or inform co-striker David Lowe to force his way back into the side.

Coach Berti Mariani has an overflow of fit players.

"Zlatko came up fine after the Preston game but is still going through a rehabilitation programme," said Mariani.

"He was involved with the first team in pre-season trials and has played three Youth League matches and is on his way back, although obviously not 100 per cent fit."

"When he regains full fitness, he will be an asset to any forward line as he is a player of exceptional talent."

However, Mariani is also highly impressed with the 18-year-old Seal.

"He is still learning but has unbelievable talent. He's not waiting around for goals and is becoming more involved, which is a change for him."

"I'm happy with the way he is progressing and especially with the manner in which he is



ZLATKO NASTEVSKI

The 33-year-old striker, whose scoring skills finally earned

the Marconi senior team when brought on as a substitute in the late stages of the club's 2-0 win over Preston two weeks ago.



Middle Park action as Paul Wade (top right) of South Melbourne jumps high, whilst new Adelaide City capture from Sunshine George Cross, Ernie Tapai (facing camera) lends his weight. Photo: JOE MONTEMURRO.

Deferred game drawn

BY ALAN CLARK

LITTLE Socceroo Ernie Tapai quickly became the darling of the Adelaide City fans in the deferred round four clash with Sydney Croatia on Wednesday at Hindmarsh Stadium.

But City themselves did not finish the match as fans' favourites.

Several disgruntled spectators moaned 'Matic must go' after City maintained its poor NSL start with a 1-1 draw.

City coach Matic, who has just moved into a new two-year deal with the club, will not be moving out, but there are worrying signs for the club.

Defence looks rock solid with Socceroo Alex Tobin and class import Milan Ivanovich marshalling the middle and Paul Shillabeer, Hungarian Robert Csoboth and Olympic squad man Tony Vidmar guarding the flanks.

Socceroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica will not be happy about the equalising goal he lost to John Gibson just on half-time, but otherwise he looked safe and produced a world class save in the dying minutes to deny Croatia's Scottish import Gordon Scott a goal.

But City has real problems in midfield and up front.

Skipper Sergio Melta, even though just back from injury, gave his usual hard-

working, serviceable game but Charley Villani and Adrian Santrac, despite a good opening 20 minutes when City dominated, were passengers.

Tapai in a front-running role, was tireless, occasionally brilliant and always aggressive.

He capped a fine performance with a brilliantly taken goal in 18 minutes.

He had to come off near the end with severe cramps — the result of his endeavours.

Striking partner Steve Maxwell, sadly, still was out of touch and very low on confidence.

Sydney Croatia stuttered along at sixes and sevens in the opening half but Gibson's goal from a Velimir Kupresak knock back, lifted them.

The creative skills of Pedro Ricoy, Ivan Petkovic and Robert Runje, in front of excellent defensive work by Paul Carter and Mike Grbevski, then saw Croatia take over.

But there were no goals to show for their menacing breaks.

WA referee David Mortimer probably will need to lift from this, his first NSL job.

But he will have been glad to get that one under his belt. He booked City's Melta, Maxwell and Tapai.

The last word is on super talented Croatia sweeper, Ned Zelic.

He had Adelaide fans in raptures.

Even City coach Zoran Matic, not known for his lavish praise, was enthusiastic about the oh so mature 19-year-old.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 6, Csoboth 5, (Veart 68), T. Vidmar 6, Ivanovic 7, Tobin 7, Melta 6, Santrac 5, Villani 4, Tapai, (Mullen 76), Maxwell 5, Shillabeer 7.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franklen 6, Carter 6, Grbevski 6, Zelic 8, Kupresak 6, Runje 6, Petkovic 7, Gibson 5, Ricoy 7, Lamond 5, Scott 5, (Koch 85).

SCORERS: Tapai 18m for Adelaide City, Gibson 45m for Sydney Croatia.

YELLOW CARDS: Melta, Maxwell, Tapai (Ad City).
REFEREE: D. Mortimer 5.
CROWD: 2500.

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DAVID LOWE

But during his absence, the club signed last season's leading striker, David Seal, who has already pick-

trying to build an understanding with the rest of the players."

— TED SIMMONS
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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 276
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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHELSEA	NORWICH	1
	CRYSTAL PALACE	ARSENAL	2
	LIVERPOOL	LUTON	3
	SHEFFIELD UTD.	EVERTON	4
	SOUTHAMPTON	Q.P.R.	5
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	SUNDERLAND	COVENTRY	6
	TOTTENHAM	WIMBLEDON	7
	BARNLEY	LEICESTER	8
	BLACKBURN	SHEFF. WED.	9
	BRIGHTON	PLYMOUTH	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BRISTOL R.	PORT VALE	11
	HULL	IPSWICH	12
	MIDDLESBRO	CHARLTON	13
	MILLWALL	WEST HAM	14
	NOTTS C.	WEST BROM.	15
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	OLDHAM	WATFORD	16
	OXFORD UTD.	BRISTOL C.	17
	SWINDON	PORTSMOUTH	18
	WOLVES	NEWCASTLE	19
	BOLTON	READING	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	BOURNEMOUTH	ROTHERHAM	21
	BRADFORD C.	PRESTON	22
	BRENTFORD	BURY	23
	CHESTER	BIRMINGHAM	24
	HUDDERSFIELD	CAMBRIDGE U.	25
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	LEYTON O.	EXETER	26
	MANSFIELD	SWANSEA	27
	SOUTHEND	FULHAM	28
	STOKE	WIGAN A.	29
	TRANMERE	GRIMSBY	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	BLACKPOOL	ALDRSHOT	31
	CARDIFF	CHESTERFIELD	32
	CARLISLE	YORK	33
	DARLINGTON	HARTLEPOOL	34
	MAIDSTONE	HEREFORD	35
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	PETERBORO	DONCASTER	36
	SCUNTHORPE	ROCHDALE	37
	STOCKPORT	LINCOLN	38

RESERVE MATCHES

H.S. LOANS PREMIER DIV.	WALSALL	BURNLEY	39
	CHORLEY	HYDE	40
	DROYLSDEN	HORWICH	41
	FLEETWOOD	BUXTON	42
	LEEK	GAINSBORO	43
SCOT. PREMIER DIVISION	DUNFERMLINE	MOTHERWELL	44
	HEARTS	CELTIC	45
	RANGERS	DUNDEE U.	46
	S. JOHNSTONE	HIBERNIAN	47
	ST. MIRREN	ABERDEEN	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	AIRDRIE	KILMARNOCK	49
	AYR	HAMILTON	50
	BRECHIN	PARTICK	51
	CLYDE	RAITH	52
	DUNDEE	MORTON	53
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	FALKIRK	CLYDEBANK	54
	MEADOWBANK	FORFAR	55

* ENGLISH DIVISION 4

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	COVENTRY	ARSENAL	1	0-2
	DERBY	LUTON	2	2-1
	EVERTON	Q.P.R.	3	3-0
	MAN. UTD.	CRYSTAL PALACE	4	2-0
	NORWICH	SHEFF. UTD.	5	3-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	SUNDERLAND	MAN. CITY	6	1-1*
	WIMBLEDON	SOUTHAMPTON	7	1-1*
	BLACKBURN	MILLWALL	8	1-0
	BRISTOL C.	WATFORD	9	3-2
	CHARLTON	PLYMOUTH	10	0-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	HULL	NEWCASTLE	11	2-1
	IPSWICH	BRIGHTON	12	1-3
	MIDDLESBRO	BARNLEY	13	1-0
	NOTTS C.	WEST HAM	14	0-1
	OXFORD UTD.	LEICESTER	15	2-2*
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	PORTSMOUTH	WOLVES	16	0-0
	SHEFF. WED.	OLDHAM	17	2-2*
	SWINDON	PORT VALE	18	1-2
	WEST BROM.	BRISTOL R.	19	3-1
	BIRMINGHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	20	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	BOURNEMOUTH	SHREWSBURY	21	3-2
	BURY	TRANMERE	22	3-0
	CHESTER	BOLTON	23	0-2
	EXETER	GRIMSBY	24	0-0
	MANSFIELD	CREWE	25	1-3
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	ROTHERHAM	BRADFORD C.	26	0-2
	STOKE	READING	27	0-1
	SWANSEA	CAMBRIDGE U.	28	0-0
	WIGAN A.	PRESTON	29	2-1
	BLACKPOOL	WALSALL	30	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	CARLISLE	LINCOLN	31	0-0
	DONCASTER	GILLINGHAM	32	1-1*
	HEREFORD	SCARBORO	33	3-3*
	MAIDSTONE	CARDIFF	34	3-0
	NORTHAMPTON	HARTLEPOOL	35	3-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	PETERBORO	CHESTERFIELD	36	2-1
	ROCHDALE	DARLINGTON	37	1-1*
	SCUNTHORPE	STOCKPORT	38	3-0



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 28/10/90 — WEEK 274

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
30	35	42	20	35	49	36	51	4	8	3	6	2	5	0	8	1	3		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
47	60	54	58	50	54	53	49	6	3	13	12	13	14	15	16				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
56	48	38	57	52	56	55	51	3	4	11	0	6	1	3	1				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32				
51	56	56	64	66	70	59	55	2	11	6	8	0	5	5	1				
33	34	35	36	37	38			33	34	35	36	37	38						
57	69	62	72	56	59			1	11	0	2	0	1						

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 275 SAT 3 NOVEMBER, 1990

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
7, 15, 17, 32, 33, 37.
Supplementary Number: 6.

English division one				Brighton				14	6	3	5	24	28	21
Chelsea				1	Aston Villa	0	Ipswich	15	6	3	6	18	23	21
Coventry				0	Arsenal	2	Bristol City	13	6	3	6	20	22	20
Derby				2	Luton	1	Plymouth	15	7	4	4	16	17	19
Everton				3	Queen's Park Rangers	0	Portsmouth	15	5	4	6	21	23	19
Leeds				3	Nottingham Forest	1	West Bromwich	13	4	6	3	17	17	19
Manchester United				2	Crystal Palace	0	Port Vale	15	5	3	7	23	26	18
Norwich				3	Sheffield United	0	Newcastle	14	4	5	5	14	15	17
Sunderland				1	Manchester City	1	Blackburn	15	5	2	8	20	23	17
Wimbledon				1	Southampton	1	Swindon	15	4	4	7	19	26	16
English division two				Bristol Rovers				13	4	2	7	17	20	14
Blackburn				1	Hillwall	0	Hull	15	3	5	7	21	36	14
Bristol City				3	Watford	2	Leicester	15	4	2	9	20	35	14
Charlton				0	Plymouth	1	Oldford	14	2	5	7	18	27	11
Hull				2	Newcastle	1	Charlton	15	2	4	9	16	24	10
Ipswich				1	Brighton	0	Watford	14	2	3	9	11	21	9
Middlesbrough				1	Barnsley	3	English division three							
Notts County				0	West Ham	0	Grimsby	14	9	4	1	25	12	31
Oxford				2	Leicester	1	Southend	13	10	1	2	27	20	31
Portsmouth				0	Wolverhampton	0	Stoke	14	7	3	4	20	15	24
Sheffield Wednesday				2	Oldham	2	Wigan	14	7	2	3	23	22	23
Swindon				1	Port Vale	2	Tranmere	14	6	4	4	25	17	22
West Bromwich				3	Bristol Rovers	1	Bury	14	6	4	2	18	22	
English division three				Brentford				13	6	4	3	17	14	22
Birmingham				1	Huddersfield	2	Cambridge	14	5	6	3	22	17	21
Bournemouth				3	Shrewsbury	2	Reading	14	6	3	5	23	19	21
Bury				3	Tranmere	0	Bournemouth	14	5	5	4	18	15	20
Chester				0	Bolton	2	Birmingham	14	4	8	2	17	16	20
Exeter				0	Grimsby	0	Bradford	14	6	2	6	17	17	20
Mansfield				1	Crewe	3	Huddersfield	14	6	2	6	17	18	20
Rotherham				0	Bradford	2	Leyton	13	6	1	6	18	18	19
Stoke				0	Reading	1	Chesham	14	5	3	6	18	18	18
Swansea				0	Cambridge	0	Bolton	14	5	3	6	15	19	18
Wigan				2	Preston	1	Preston	14	4	5	5	14	19	17
Playing Sunday:				Exeter				14	4	4	6	15	15	16
Brentford				v	Southend		Swansea	14	4	4	6	14	20	16
Leyton Orient				v	Fulham		Fulham	13	3	5	5	16	19	14
English division four				Crewe				14	3	5	5	21	26	12
Blackpool				1	Walsall	2	Shrewsbury	14	2	4	8	22	27	10
Carlisle				1	Lincoln	0	Mansfield	14	2	3	9	14	24	9
Doncaster				1	Gillingham	1	Rotherham	14	2	3	9	15	29	9
Hereford				3	Scarborough	3	English division four							
Maidstone				3	Cardiff	0	Torquay	14	9	5	0	24	11	32
Northampton				3	Hartlepool	2	Burnley	14	7	4	3	25	19	25
Peterborough				2	Chesterfield	1	Northampton	14	7	4	3	23	17	25
Rochdale				1	Darlington	1	Darlington	14	6	6	2	20	12	24
Scunthorpe				3	Stockport	0	Rochdale	14	6	6	2	20	13	24
Wrexham				2	Burnley	4	Doncaster	14	7	2	5	21	15	23
York				0	Torquay	0	Peterborough	14	6	5	3	17	13	25
Played Friday:				Stockport				14	5	6	3	18	14	21
Aldershot				2	Halifax	2	Cardiff	14	4	7	3	15	15	19
Scottish premier division				Scunthorpe				14	5	7	3	16	18	19
Aberdeen				3	Celtic	0	Hereford	14	4	6	4	22	16	18
Hearts				1	Dunfermline	1	Maidstone	14	6	0	8	23	18	18
Motherwell				0	Dundee United	2	Scarborough	14	4	6	4	16	19	18
Rangers				4	Hibernian	0	Hartlepool	14	5	3	6	17	21	19
St Johnstone				0	St Mirren	1	Walsall	14	3	7	4	18	23	16
English division five				Blackpool				14	4	3	7	18	19	15
Clydebank				3	Brechin	4	Gillingham	14	3	5	5	16	20	14
Dundee				1	Meadowbank	1	Chesterfield	14	3	5	5	16	19	14
Falkirk				7	Raith	4	Carlisle	14	3	5	5	16	19	14
Hamilton				2	Forfar	1	York	13	2	7	4	12	15	13
Kilmarnock				2	Clyde	0	Wrexham	13	3	4	6	18	23	13
Morton				2	Ayr	1	Lincoln	13	2	6	5	13	18	12
Partick				1	Airdrieonians	1	Aldershot	14	1	8	5	21	31	11
English division six				Halifax				13	2	4	7	13	21	10
Berwick				3	Stranraer	2	Scottish premier division							
Cowdenbeath				3	Stenhousemuir	4	Dundee United	11	7	2	2	15	6	16
East Fife				2	Alloa	2	Aberdeen	11	5	5	1	16	9	15
Montrose				1	Dumbarton	2	Rangers	10	5	4	1	18	5	14
Queen of the South				1	Albion	1	St Johnstone	11	4	3	4	16	15	11
Queen's Park				2	Arbroath	1	Celtic	10	3	4	3	10	12	10
Stirling				3	East Stirling	0	Hibernian	11	3	3	5	5	14	9
English division one				Motherwell				10	3	2	5	8	7	8
Liverpool				10	9	1	Dunfermline	10	2	4	4	10	15	8
Arsenal				11	8	3	St Mirren	11	3	2	6	10	17	8
Tottenham				10	6	4	Hearts	11	2	3	6	11	19	7
Crystal Palace				11	5	5	Scottish division one							
Manchester City				11	4	6	Airdrieonians	13	9	2	2	32	16	20
Manchester United				11	5	2	Hamilton	13	8	2	2	35	8	19
Leeds				11	4	4	Raith	13	6	5	3	20	15	17
Luton				11	4	4	Falkirk	13	6	5	3	25	17	15
Aston Villa				11	4	2	Dundee	13	5	5	3	21	15	15
Nottingham Forest				11	3	4	Kilmarnock	13	5	4	4	22	19	14
Norwich				11	3	4	Partick	12	5	4	3	15	15	14
Queen's Park Rangers				11	3	3	Meadowbank	12	3	6	3	19	17	12
Wimbledon				11	2	6	Clydebank	13	4	4	5	20	23	12
Southampton				11	3	3	Ayr	13	4	4	5	17	20	12
Coventry				11	3	2	Morton	13	4	2	7	18	24	10
Everton				11	2	4	Forfar	13	2	5	6	18	22	9
Sunderland				11	2	4	Brechin	13	2	5	6	18	24	8
Derby				11	2	3	Clyde	12	1	2	9	12	27	4
Sheffield United				11	0	3	Scottish division two							
English division two				Stirling				13	8	4	1	22	8	20
Oldham				15	10	5	East Fife	13	7	4	2	22	14	18
West Ham				15	9	6	Queen's Park	13	7	2	4	18	11	16
Sheffield Wednesday				14	8	5	Berwick	13	7	1	5	20	17	15
Millwall				14	7	4	Stenhousemuir	13	5	4	4	22	18	14
Middlesbrough				14	7	3	Cowdenbeath	13	6	2	3	19	18	14
Wolverhampton				15	6	6	Dumbarton	13	5	4	4	15	15	14
Barnsley				14	6	4	Stranraer	13	5	4	6	19	20	17
Notts County				15	6	3	Montrose	13	6	0	7	15	14	12
English division three				Alloa				13	4	3	6	15	15	11
Blackburn				15	10	5	Albion	13	4	3	6	15	21	11
Bristol City				15	9	6	Arbroath	13	3	3	7	18	21	9
Bristol Rovers				15	9	6	Queen of the South	13	3	3	7	15	24	9
Birmingham				15	9	6	East Stirling	13	2	2	9	9	28	6

Jim Patikas to re-emerge in Australian football

BY TED SIMMONS

SOCCEEROO Jim Patikas wants to quit Greece and return to Australian football.

Patikas said from Athens that he plans to return home when his contract expires next June.

"I have an escape clause in my contract which will allow me to return to Australia," he said.

"Sydney Croatia has first option on my services and I'll speak with them."

Patikas, who scored 15 goals in the Greek first division last season, will have spent six years in the competition, during which his club has won the premiership and the Cup as well as contesting European matches.

Among other Australians in Athens are winger Chris Kalantzis, who has another two years of his contract to complete, and striker Terry Patalis who may stay another year.

The 26-year-old Patikas, who is married with a two year old son, said football families have a lot of problems and pressure coping with the continuous playing training routine.

"Players are often locked in motels before a big game and only get one month off each year," he said.

"The Greek competition is fast, aggressive and more skillful than in Australia with man-to-man marking that gives you little room to move.



Jim Patikas in action in the National League before moving to Greece five years ago.

"In Australia, a player can sometimes make a 40m run with the ball but in Greece 10 metres is about the limit."

Patikas said there was big money in soccer in Europe if a player was good enough, but the decision to move had to be weighed against the advantages of being at home.

He described overseas soccer as a job, not a fun game, and said players matured with the experience of better op-

position and better coaching.



JIM PATIKAS

"I'd love to gain selection again with the

Socceroos and I'm hoping national coach Eddie Thomson will be in contact," he said.

"I feel I have at least another six years of top soccer in Australia before I call it a day.

"In Greece, the sleep-train-play routine is hectic and I didn't know the meaning of fitness until I arrived in Athens.

"But the national team here doesn't have any support.

"Club games draw the big crowds and it was heartening to hear of the big support at home for the Socceroos."

Patikas was disappointed at his role in Australia's last Olympic Games and World Cup campaigns and is keen to re-establish his position as a key member of the Socceroos.

Melb Croatia stronger yet?

BY PAUL KLARIC*

VETERAN Melbourne Croatia defender Alan Davidson is in two minds about his team's splendid start to the National League.



ALAN DAVIDSON

While the Socceroo star, soon to become the national team captain, admits the team is not playing to its best potential he believes it has shown great character.

"If there is any team that deserves to be forgiven for not playing its best so far this season it is Melbourne Croatia," Davidson said.

"We have a new coach who doesn't speak English, and who arrived in Australia only days before the season kicked off, but despite that we've managed to force things our way even when not playing well."

Davidson said last Sunday week's 3-0 win over highly fancied Apia Leichhardt was an example.

"We had a few problems in midfield and didn't give many chances to our strikers but they did very well with what they got," he said.

"Our back four is holding us together and because of that we are able to bottle up and restrict opponents."

He said the team had come from behind to draw with South

Melbourne Hellas in the first round and almost scored the winner while it also equalised three times against Sunshine George Cross before winning 4-3.

Davidson said the language barrier between the non-Croatian players and coach Ante Grgic, 50, was a problem which he hoped would soon be overcome.

"As yet we really haven't had a chance to get to know him very well and it's difficult to understand exactly how he wants us to play," he said.

"But he seems to be strict on discipline and he manages to make training interesting by varying the activities."

Davidson said it was important for the team to consolidate its position on the ladder early in the season because the second half of the draw included more away matches than the first.

"We haven't had much pressure so far this season, so it will be a big test for us when the finals loom and we have to get results interstate," he said.

— courtesy AAP

PERSONALITY PLAYER



Anthony Franken (Sydney Croatia)

BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Fremantle, W.A., 11/1/65.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 181cms, 81kg

MARRIED: Yes to Meegan.

HOME: Cronulla.

NICKNAME: None.

CAR: Ford Laser.

OCCUPATION: P.E. Teacher.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra City, A.I.S.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Liverpool.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Graham

Arnold and Frank Farina.

FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Branko Milosevic.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All Strikers.

FAVOURITE GROUND: Croatian Sports Centre.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: The 1983 World Youth Finals in Mexico, Mexico vs Australia won by us.

BIGGEST THRILL: As above.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not having played more matches for Australia.

WORST INJURY: Knee reconstruction.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, fishing and golf.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Apricot Chicken.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Current Top 40.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cosby Show.

BEST FRIEND: My wife Meegan.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad, Ron

Corry and Ronnie Smith at the A.I.S.

AMBITIONS: To remain in the Australian squad and play at top level as long as I can.

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Ned Zelic.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bjorn Borg.

PREDICTION FOR TOP FIVE SERIES: Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Melbourne Croatia, Melbourne Hellas and Apia.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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Anton hangs up Camera



ANTON CERMAK

AN open invitation is extended to the many friends of Anton Cermak to attend a farewell dinner for the legend of Australian Press photography who retires after 21 years with the Sydney Morning Herald.

Anton was a great favourite with all in Australian soccer,

especially the Soccer players with whom he travelled on many occasions, including the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

His farewell dinner will be held at the Journalists Club, Chalmers Street, Surry Hills, from 7pm on Thursday, November 29.

Further particulars can be obtained from Karen Hood, Sydney 282 3159.

Ned Zelic
AUSTRALIAN Olympic Games skipper Ned Zelic is doing a two year Associate Diploma of Health and Fitness Course at Bruce Technical College in Canberra.

Zelic, who was "born on the 4th of July," 1971 at Summer Hill, Sydney, moved to Canberra as a one year old and is still there even though signing a one year contract with Sydney Croatia.

Zelic trains with the AIS, Canberra Croatia and from Friday evening till match day with Sydney Croatia.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Saad, Edwards pointer to Asian League

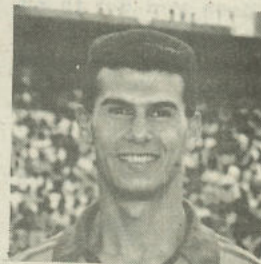


BUSINESS friends in Singapore recently returned home raving about the super star

status afforded Sydney Olympic duo Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad.

They caught glimpses of the attacking twins playing for Singapore before 40,000 fans at Singapore's splendid stadium and pose the question as to the possibility to an Asian League, including Australian clubs, in the next decade.

When that becomes a possibility, these friends, who are well



ABBAS SAAD

up the corporate ladder in a large multinational company, will be more than interested in sponsoring Australian soccer.



ALISTAIR EDWARDS: a huge hit in the Malaysian League with his Singapore team.

WORLD CUP '90*

Broadcast countries 167
Broadcast hours worldwide 10,000
Cumulative television audience 26.5 (billion)

* Estimated data

World Sports Events Television Viewers

		(Millions)
1. World Cup Final	1990	1277*
2. World Cup Final	1986	652
3. Olympic Games Opening Ceremony	1984	522
4. European Soccer Championship Final	1988	382
5. Wimbledon Mens' Final	1990	350
6. World Championships in Athletics	1987	293**
7. Super Bowl	1990	250*

* Estimated ** Daily Average

SOCCER VIEWING AUDIENCE NOTES

1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games

All Session Total = 1,422,000*

Average Attendance per game (32 games) = 44,437

* Soccer drew the largest attendance of all the sports at the 1984 Olympic Games and five of these Olympic matches broke the all-time record for soccer crowds in the US and four other matches were in the top 20 all-time crowd ratings.

1990 FIFA World Cup — Italy

All Session Total = 2,515,168

Average Attendance per game (52 games) = 48,368*

* Only an 8% higher average attendance rating per match than the 1984 Olympics six years earlier.

Television Ratings in the United States

KMEX TV — (Univision affiliate — Los Angeles No.1 Spanish Language TV station).

The 1990 World Cup final match was the highest rated sports program on July 8, with a 7.6 rating. This beat out the Wimbledon final rating (5.5) and NBC Sportsworld (5.7), all aired on the same day.

TNT — (A division of the Turner Broadcasting Station in Atlanta, USA)
Average rating for 1990 World Cup tournament = 1.2 ave. per game (representing 571,000 households)*

The final match, between West Germany and Argentina, received a 2.2 rating, representing 1,066,000 households. The third place match, between Italy and England, received a 1.3 rating, representing 618,000 households. Other matches that received similar ratings were the West Germany vs England (1.9), England vs Cameroun (1.9) and USA vs Czechoslovakia (1.8).

* TNT's average rating for basketball is 2.0. But the NBA games, unlike the World Cup matches, are all aired during prime-time hours. The World Cup matches were aired in the early morning or in the middle of the afternoon, when most people were at work.

All eyes on Branko

MELBOURNE
Croatia's talented midfielder Branko Milosevic is the most-wanted player in Australia according to Sydney's six NSL coaches.

Two of these coaches — Manfred Schaefer (Apia) and Tony Vrzina (Sydney Croatia) rated him the player they would most like to buy, while most of the others rated him a mention in that category.

The Sydney coaches also had Sydney Croatia's Australian Olympic Games skipper Ned Zelic and Sun-

shine's Lorentz Kindtner as the two emerging stars of the 1990/91 season.

Ferenc Puskas' South Melbourne were also seen by the coaches as the team most likely to challenge Marconi for minor premiership honours this season.

Ranking the clubs in order of favouritism, yet excluding their own team's chances, the coaches had South Melbourne equal with Marconi.

They were also in agreement on the top five — Marconi and South Melbourne, followed by Melbourne Croatia and Sydney

Olympic, with either Apia or Adelaide City to join them in the final five.

St George was the only other club to get a mention in final five calculations.

The coaches had their final five a little tighter than Marconi fan and prominent Sydney interstate rails bookmaker Charlie D'Amore who went to press two weeks ago with the following market for the NSL minor premiership.

- 6-4 Marconi
- 8-1 Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne
- 10-1 Melbourne Croatia
- 12-1 St George
- 20-1 Adelaide City,



BRANKO MILOSEVIC

- Apia
- 25-1 Melita, Preston, Sydney Croatia
- 500-1 Wollongong City, Heidelberg, Wollongong Macedonia
- 1000-1 Sunshine

Coach/Club	Frank Arok St George	Raul Blanco Melita	Mike Hickman Sydney Olympic	Berti Mariani Marconi	Manfred Schaefer Apia	Tony Vrzina Sydney Croatia
1st	Melb Croatia	Sydney Olympic	Sth Melbourne	Sth Melbourne	Marconi	Marconi
2nd	Sydney Oly	Marconi	Melb Croatia	Adelaide City	Sydney Olympic	Melb Croatia
3rd	Marconi	Melb Croatia	Marconi	APIA	Sth Melbourne	Sth Melbourne
4th	South Melbourne	Sth Melbourne	APIA	St George	Adelaide City	Sydney Olympic
5th	APIA	Adelaide City	St George	Sydney Olympic	Melb Croatia	APIA
PLAYER WOULD LIKE TO BUY	Scott Ollerenshaw (Sydney Olympic)	Ned Zelic (Sydney Croatia)	David Seal (Marconi)	Paul Trimoli (Sth Melbourne)	Branko Milosevic (Melb Croatia)	Branko Milosevic (Melb Croatia)
EMERGING STAR	Brian Ellem (Apia)	Lorentz Kindtner (Sunshine)	Ned Zelic (Sydney Olympic)	Lorentz Kindtner (Sunshine)	Carl Veart (Adelaide City)	Ned Zelic (Sydney Croatia)

How primitive can you get!

BY GREG BLAKE

I still find it remarkable that people, who upon hearing that I write about soccer for a living, say with some disbelief something along the lines that, "you mean you get to sit in the press area."

For some this seems to equate with status of pleasure. I can assure you that being a member of the press usually means nothing of the sort.



For a start you don't just get to sit back, relax and enjoy the game.

Usually, particularly for big games, you're stuffed in elbow-to-elbow with fellow writers and that can be tough if he or she happens to be very yappy or opinionated.

And given that you often spend an extra hour in the box before and after a game, writing and filing copy for various media outlets, this can cause no end of friction.

You're working to a deadline, you get to race to the changerooms to be told you're a moron by a coach or a player and then you race back to add that to your copy.

The worst part of all is that most people don't realise that to the sports writer, the press box is just an office and certainly not a place for the privileged.

Clubs in particular do not recognise this fact.

Just as the average man in the street wants a comfortable seat at his desk, access to tele-

phone and other everyday working equipment, a coffee machine somewhere in the vicinity and hopefully clean toilets, the press brigade would like the same.

We're lucky if we get to see a toilet.

So for any of you who aspire to join the press brigade in Melbourne here's a quick guide to where not to try to work during the NSL season.

Heidelberg is pretty good really — providing you like to work without getting close to the atmosphere of the game.

At least it's clean and rather than be battling all day against the VIP types who consider it a right to make a pressman's life as difficult as possible.

But like every other ground it only has the single phone which means the press brigade has to line up to get the news to the public.

South Melbourne's Middle Park is well-intentioned but antiquated and basically terrible.



The view is obstructed by pylons all the way along the front of the main grandstand and the room is so small it fits maybe a dozen people in relative comfort.

Which would be OK except that South Melbourne tends to treat its press area as a VIP area as well.

Thus everyone who is anybody can be seen crowding into the press room, particularly on a cold day.



Sunshine's Skinner Reserve is the first-in, first-served variety.

It seats three people, thus late-comers (meaning getting to the ground at least an hour before kick-off) are left to tough it out down on the touchlines.

This is particularly hard to cop during extremes of weather.

But some hardy souls actually prefer braving the sleet or sun simply because actually seeing the game from the press area requires no small degree of concentration.



For a start, there is no vantage point around the rest of the ground as far from the action as the press box is at Skinner Reserve.

Secondly we are enclosed in a chicken-wire cage which requires you follow the action through a series of small openings, rather like watching an old, flickering black and white movie.

It is any wonder that we get asked if actually we saw the same game.

Preston Makedonia's Connor Reserve box has potential, but it too

seems to use the press area as an enclosure for fowls during the week.

Get rid of the chicken wire, fellas.

Again only one phone, but Preston's effort has plenty going for it, particularly the luxury of windows which actually open on a hot day.



Apart from being the hottest press box to sit in during the summer months, Melbourne Croatia is making all the right moves.

Its press area — the only one which boasts two telephones — is clean and tidy and it sits at the back of the newly constructed grandstand giving unobstructed views of the whole ground.

The only faults are that it gets sauna-bath hot in there during summer and that there are no opening windows.

Melbourne Croatia officials do make the effort to compensate though, offering a selection of cold drinks to the "workers" throughout the duration of the afternoon.

It is the only club which bothers and it's much appreciated.

It's not much but when the Melbourne press areas in general rate between a one and three on a scale of ten, any little recognition gives us a boost.

We are only working men after all.

Sunshine has the job in front of them

BY GREG BLAKE



ERNIE MERRICK

LET's just say that there are excuses and there are excuses.

I think Sunshine George Cross coach Ernie Merrick was as much trying to convince himself of the reasons for his club's disaster start to 1990/91 as he was trying to convince me.

But the stark facts are that the build-up to the new campaign was as good as any that Sunshine has had in recent seasons.

And talk about confidence.

The Sunshine players had no doubts that the top five was a real possibility in 1990/91.

It might still be, but an emphatic 3-1 defeat on opening day followed by a 6-1 trouncing at Marconi and the narrow 4-3 loss to Melbourne Croatia has posed questions in the minds of everybody in the club.

Merrick clutched at staws, dismissing top five talk as a media invention.

But I'm prepared to bet that Merrick was feeling as deflated as anyone at the opening round results.

If nothing else it might destroy the morale of an impressionable young team.

"It (the Marconi game) was just one of those games when everything that could go wrong did go wrong," Merrick told ASW.

"I felt very sorry for them — they're a very young team."

Merrick isn't pointing

the finger and says he's not concerned by either his midfield or attack.

"There will be no dramatic changes but we do have to resolve some problems in defence," he explained.

He hopes Dave McFarlane, when fully fit, will go some way toward filling the void in the centre of an insipid defence.

The returns of Craig Foster and Ossie Latif, plus the addition of Andy Humble, will help as well.

But none of the above can surely turn around a team that has, at least in early season games, shown that it has more than one weak link at the back, a far from productive forward time and a number of key players who might still be feeling the effects of injuries.

"Despite everything, morale is still good," says Merrick.

"I'm still very happy with the way things are going."

"You must remember that it really is a very young side."

"Some of the younger players just aren't quite ready yet."

"The boys I was forced to play in Sydney were just not ready for Marconi, away from home and under pressure."

Merrick, who had already admitted his disappointment at the press for its part in the so-called blow-up between the club and newcomer McFarlane, says 1990/91 was always going to be a season of consolidation.

"I've always simply said that we've got a young team which has come a long way, but we're still a couple of years down the track from success."

"We want a settled mid-table team and top five talk was only press talk."

"I've never said that and I still believe we will reach the goals we have set for ourselves."

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Adelaide City's match score record

BY GREG BLAKE

Did you know that Adelaide City still holds the record for the most number of goals scored in an NSL fixture thanks to its 10-3 demolition of Mooroolbark back in 1977?

Or that Marconi's 9-0 thrashing of Blacktown back in 1980 is the greatest victory margin in NSL

competition history?

If not, read on.

Here are the record victories and defeats of all the current-day NSL clubs.

Will there be more NSL or individual clubs records broken in the long, hot summer of 1990/91?

CLUB

RECORD WIN

RECORD DEFEAT

Sydney Olympic	6-0 v Apia 1986 (cup)	0-5 v Syd. City 1978 (league)
Marconi	9-0 v Blacktown 1980 (league)	0-5 v Syd. Croatia 1985 (league)
Melb. Croatia	6-0 v Blacktown 1989 (league)	0-5 v Syd. City 1981 (league)
Sth Melbourne	7-0 v Newc. Rose. 1984 (league)	1-6 v Syd. Croatia 1987 (league)
Adelaide City	10-3 v Moor'bark 1977 (league)	0-6 v Marconi 1979 (league)
Apia L'hardt	7-2 v Br. Lions 1983 (league)	0-6 v St George 1988 (league)
Sydney Croatia	6-1 v M. Croatia 1987 (league)	0-6 v Syd. Olympic 1986 (cup)
Melita Eagles	3-1 v S. Croatia 1990 (league)	1-7 v Syd. City 1980 (cup)
Preston Mak	6-0 v W. Eagles (Tas) 1979 (cup)	0-6 v Syd. City 1984 (league)
	& 6-0 v Woll'gong 1981 (league)	0-5 v Syd. City 1982 (league)
	& 6-0 v Penrith 1984 (league)	
St George	6-0 v Adel. City 1980 (league)	0-7 v Syd. City 1986 (league)
	& 6-0 v Woll'gong 1980 (league)	& 0-7 v Marconi 1990 (league)
Wollongong C.	7-0 v Ad. Hellas 1990 (league)	0-6 v Preston 1980 (league)
		& 0-6 v Marconi 1989 (league)
		& 0-6 v St George 1990 (league)
		0-7 v Adel. Hellas 1984 (league)
		1-8 v Marconi 1977 (league)

Sunshine GC 5-1 v Juve. P (Tas) 1985 (cup)
Heidelberg 6-0 v Bris. City 1986 (league)

(It speaks volumes for the dominance of the old Sydney City sides that it still holds scoring records against six of the current day NSL clubs. — Ed)

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Joeys to be blooded in Chile and Argentina

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A tour of Chile and Argentina will give Australia's under 17 soccer footballers a second to none chance to prepare for a place in next year's FIFA World Championship in Ecuador.

The Australian Soccer Federation today announced an 18 man squad to leave for the tour on November 20.

Australia has a pre-eminent record at this level, having already competed in the 1985, 1987 and 1989 finals series.

This time around the international football body has upgraded the standing of the series.

Previously the competition was classed as a "tournament" — for next year it has been renamed as the "1st FIFA U17 World Championship."

Australian assistant national coach Les Scheinflug is more than happy with the quality of his charges, who are drawn from NSW (7), Victoria (6), South Australia (2) with one representative each from Queensland, ACT and Western Australia.

Les Scheinflug said: "There will be one game at Buenos Aires in Argentina, followed by probably seven in Chile, of which two will be full internationals.

"We will field a well balanced side with strength in all departments.

"There is no better place than South America for our young players to obtain experience."

The squad will compete in the Oceania elimination series at Napier New Zealand, commencing on January 13.

A place in the final series in Ecuador from August 16/September 1 1991 is at stake.

Australia will be opposed in the Oceania series by New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and either Solomon Islands or Vanuatu.

Scheinflug said: "We are taking no-one for granted, but New Zealand clearly looms as the big threat.

"They know this tournament represents their big chance to reach the world finals.

"(Coach) Kevin Fallon has been working with the squad for two years, and at this stage they are well ahead of us in this regard."

Anthony Carbone of Perth will captain the side.

According to Scheinflug "he sees the picture, tackles well and has a stinging shot. In addition he gets on well with the other players."

Amongst those who should shine on tour are central strikers Vasiliios Kalegeragos (ACT) and Alex Kiratzoglou (Vic-

toria), as well as Vasco Trpceviski, a very mobile Victorian midfielder.

Scheinflug complimented the amateurs and juniors throughout Australia, who contributed to make the tour financially possible.

"It's a tribute to them," he added. "Soccer in Australia is becoming more mature when this can occur.

"They are looking beyond their own immediate borders, and making tremendous opportunities for their own

young products to come through to reach the highest standards of the game."

The squad is: George Karamalis (SA), Frank Bot (Vic), Tony Josevski (NSW), Paul Dee (NSW), Mathew Coutouvidis (SA), Dominic Usal (NSW), Lorenzo Campagna (NSW), Anthony Carbone (capt. WA), Vasiliios Kalegeragos (ACT), Alex Kiratzoglou (Vic), Vasco Trpceviski (Vic), Craig Moore (Qld), Aaron Healey (Vic), Edward Pena (NSW), Fabio Macolino (NSW), Jason Farrugia (Vic), Darren Iocca (NSW), Steve Wardle (Vic).

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Keen Vic under 15 shine in Italy

Victoria's under 15 team has just returned recently from a tour of Italy.

This tour was self funded and was undertaken to help the development of the players.

They played seven games, won 4, drew 2 and lost 1.

The standard of teams they played varied, but the general impression they left in Italy was a good one.

The Italian coaches admired the ability of the boys and expressed some surprise at their high standard of play.

Victoria's coach John Collangelli brought back some notes on the Italian set up on introducing techniques to young players.

These ideas have been discussed with State Director of Coaching, Tim White, and ways of introducing them are currently being examined.

The tour was a success in all aspects, and future Victorian teams will be looking at this type of experience to help their development.

As a footnote, six of the players who toured Italy have been selected in the Australian under 17 squad to tour Chile in November.

What other sport could offer young players the opportunity to gain this international experience, even though



CHARLIE YANKOS

they are only at the beginning of their careers? ***

Victoria's Director of Coaching Tim White expressed his disappointment this week at hearing a section of the crowd booing Charlie Yankos at the Heidelberg United vs Wollongong City match last week.

That a former distinguished Socceroo captain with a magnificent record playing record should be treated in this way is a disgrace.

He said he was saddened to hear the jeering, as he feels that Charlie and indeed all Socceroos deserved respect.

They should not be treated in this way by a minority, as this behaviour does nothing for the image of the game or their own club.

Pele — the man behind

BY GREG BLAKE

IT is a tribute to the magnetism of the great man Pele that the game itself could stand or fall on his presence.

But that was exactly the way it was in the 1970s when Pele joined the North American Soccer League giant, Cosmos.

Within twelve months of his signing with the fledgling club in the struggling league, the Cosmos had moved from New York's humble Dowling Stadium to the 77,000 capacity Giants Stadium at Meadowlands.

By the time he made his final appearance for the Cosmos some three years later, Pele's Cosmos were filling the stadium.

And in far flung places like Tampa Bay, Washington, Chicago, and Seattle — places where the game of soccer has not had a look-in before or since — NASL teams invariably recorded record attendances when Pele and New York visited.

"The Pele machine is in full motion," wrote American journalist John J.O'Connor.

"If soccer doesn't make it in this country now, the game never will."

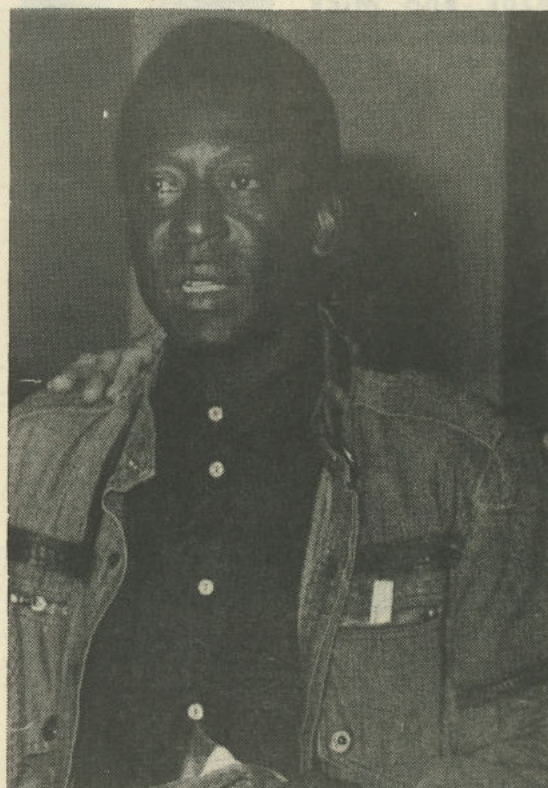
And just as the addition of Edson Arantes de Nascimento (known as Pele) to NASL competition almost gave the code its final push into prominence in the USA, his loss signalled the beginning of the end for professional soccer in North America.

The rise and fall of the game in the USA can virtually be traced by reading the fascinating two-volume "Pele Albums".

Pele's involvement in the NASL is well documented by a combination of comment from the great man himself, photographs and newspaper reports of the day.

But the rise and crash of soccer in North America is only small portion of the Pele albums.

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Coaches face trials while game improves

BY MIKE JOHNSON

ERNIE Merrick, Raul Blanco, Frank Arok and Mick Hickman were very much in my mind as one watched National League soccer last week-end.

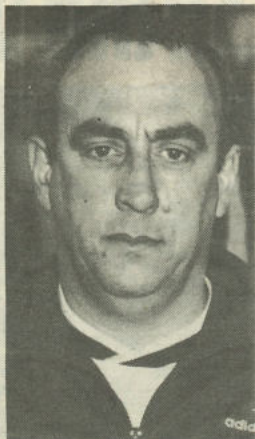
Their respective teams, Sunshine GC, Parramatta Melita Eagles, St George and Sydney Olympic met in night time games during the warm weekend.

Merrick, a Scot, I have not met, while Blanco, an Argentinian, one knows well. Likewise the Yugoslavian Arok, whilst Englishman Hickman one has never spoken to.

As a coach who is freed from the responsibilities of a team for the summer, one feels empathy for those charged with the task of guiding one of the nation's premier clubs.

Blanco and Arok are long serving members of the one club and have a degree of security — indeed Arok would currently be the nation's most secure coach.

Merrick, by reason of inexperience and placed with a perennial losing club is not so secure, whilst Hickman, without as yet prede-



RAUL BLANCO

cessor Eddie Thomson's status, is well aware of the insecurity of the Olympic hot seat.

Nevertheless, Raul Blanco has the most problems of the four at this time.

Injuries have played their part in his team's decline from the promise of last year, along with the poor form of the Melita players.

Sunshine, having climbed off the bottom of the ladder, has eased Merrick's concerns.

Having watched Sunshine concede goals with a gay abandon, their performance against Melita was much improved.

'Effervescent' is a word that suits this team.

Merrick himself

does not look particularly effervescent or energetic, indeed he seems quite 'laid back'.

However, apparently he is a cheerful man, and that is an advantage in any walk of life.

His team is young, which explains their energy.

Coaches tend to use youth as an excuse if they don't get good results — something which we probably shouldn't.

Certainly at the State League Division 1, or National League level, we can usually make a choice between youth and experience.

Therefore to bank on young players in the hope of them becoming top players in a couple of seasons is dangerous in such a precarious job.

Additionally today the young do not necessarily stay around very long with one club.

They are quick to change their status, either here or overseas.

Sunshine's Lorenz Kindtner looks very useful in midfield, quick across the ground, quick to attack.

His fast, penetrative run and quick wall pass that took him behind the Melita defence, and the pull back cross which was put away by

substitute Alevisos, was a classic goal.

Striker Derek Hunter was involved in so much that Sunshine do.

Both these players are young. Let's hope Ernie and his club gets lasting benefit from them.

Melita, which lost goals late in the game, must be causing Blanco concern at the back.

Both full-backs had problems and the defence seemed suspect and short on speed.

Raul, whose team had been praised for its skill and competitiveness last year, will realise that too much relies on Greg Brown to score goals.

Last year, the goals were mostly scored by Brown, but the defence was tight.

So far this year Brownie is still providing, but not quite so the defence.

Frank Arok has mel-

lowed. Once he wore a tracksuit and a fierce face as he drove his St George team to victories.

Now he wears brown trousers, a white woolly jumper and a studied frown.

His experience is vast, his knowledge outstanding and he remains a formidable opponent.

His teams usually get better through the year, so a current point a game still gives St George hope, especially with the gifted goalkeeper John Filan there.

Mick Hickman is a good man, of that one is sure, even without meeting him.

If and when Abbas Saad, currently earning a fortune in Singapore on week to week loan, comes back, he will have a useful outfit.

Like Marconi, there are good players spread throughout his team.

Young Refenes is a couple of years from being a very good player.

Currently he does the same thing much



of the time.

Hickman has achieved something which is hard to do — that is succeed as first team coach after an extended period as second team coach with the same club.

The late Joe Vlasits, Rale Rasic and Eddie Thomson are three Australian World Cup coaches, among a host of other big name coaches, who were unable to give Sydney Olympic grand final success.

Mick Hickman did that.

As one watches the Merricks, Aroks and the others going about their business one can agree with recent Apia keeper, Tony Pezzano.

Interviewed on television, he said that Australian soccer was 'going ahead, not in leaps and bounds, but going ahead each year....'



MICK HICKMAN

One can add one's own support to that remark.

In coaching, in playing, the media, administration, promotion, development programs, stadiums — all are improving, not in leaps and bounds, but they are improving.

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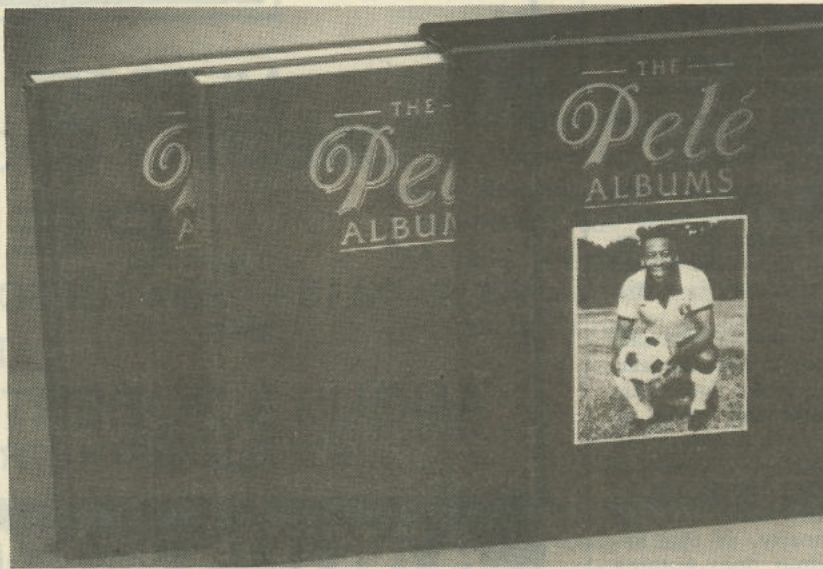
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Sydney Academy results are already world class

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ST GEORGE'S Sydney Academy of Soccer is already producing results which indicate that its 15 year old players are the equivalent of some of the world's best.

The proof of such an almost outrageous statement is, figuratively speaking, in the eating.

Or, more exactly, in the hands of St George's coaching expert, Richard Alagich.

He was recently in Yugoslavia, where he presented the results of a battery of 10 relevant tests on his Australian charges to Professor Stjepan Jerkovic.



The good professor is regarded as a world authority on football coaching, and amongst other things is the expert on coaching of coaches in the

state of Croatia, Mr Alagich stated.

When it came to the vital soccer elements of speed, explosive, strength, co-ordination



Professor Petar Djumovic — impressed with the standard.

and accuracy with the football, overall endurance and overall uptake of oxygen, the Aussie youngsters in the Academy were on par with their Yugoslav opposite numbers.

Considering the Yugoslavs are regarded as being well up the hierarchy of world football and the St George apprentices scheme has only recently been established, the coaching team should take a bow.

The local team is headed up by Saints' former national coach, Frank Arok, who personally takes the youngsters on their early morning training

sessions.

Richard Alagich and David Jirsa handle the afternoon sessions, with Fred Wall as the goalkeeping expert.

At St George the players undergo a battery of 10 tests every month.

The results are posted up in graph form, so that every player knows full well where he stands personally and relative to the group.

Furthermore he has the necessary information to see that he can keep on target or lift himself up the ladder.

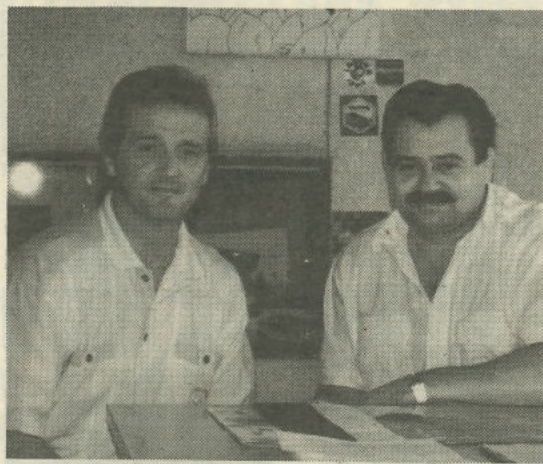
Mr Alagich also made a welcome contact with Professor Petar Djumovic, with whom he studied football some years ago.

Djumovic is now technical director of the soccer school at Dinamo Zagreb, as well as youth programme director for Croatia.

After viewing the information provided by Mr Alagich, Professor Jerkovic concluded that it would play a huge part in the future development of Australian football.

In fact, he will be delighted to obtain the first fully documented data on the results of the scheme when it is available at the end of 1991.

It will be passed on



Richard Alagich (left) of the Sydney Academy of Soccer, pictured with Professor Stjepan Jerkovic, world authority on football coaching, in Zagreb recently.

by the Institute of Sport in Zagreb for examination by all Yugoslav youth coaches.

The Sydney Academy of Soccer scheme involves youngsters from nine to 17 years of age.

As the players progress through the years they receive 2,310 training sessions, which involve 3,430 hours of being coached and playing football.

No less than 572 friendly and official games are played.

Apart from the games themselves, the hours of involvement are divided between technical and tactical ballwork and strictly physical tasks.

The Yugoslav ex-

perts apparently knew of no countries where so many thousands of players take to the fields in winter, as they particularly do in NSW, and also in the ACT and Queensland, more than in other states.

Which is rather surprising, because so many states in the USA also have children's programmes — which unfortunately do not translate into bigger things at professional level.

The Sydney Academy is of course centred more on the quality young players with ambitions to move ahead in the professional game, whilst the youngsters playing mainly for recreation are catered for in the

many associations and schools.

Those who are accepted into the St George scheme face ten months' training each year, with four sessions in each and every week of that period.

There is no doubt that young Australians will receive the chance to move ahead in a way that they never did before, thanks to such visionary programmes as the Sydney Academy of Soccer.

Additionally, says Richard Alagich, it is appropriate to dwell for a moment on the

predicament of young Christian Berrios, an Academy squad member who somehow has missed a place in the Australian Joeys under 17 youth squad.

"He is an up and coming superstar," Alagich asserted.

"His results have exceeded those of everyone else in the squad."

Obviously, there is a distinct feeling around the traps that the powers that be should be having another look in the direction of a disconsolate, but superbly talented young Christian Berrios.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Salisbury in \$4,000 claim against Adcity

SA STATE League club, Salisbury United has threatened legal action against Adelaide City over \$4,000 it claims is owed on the transfer of teenage Olympic squad striker, Carl Veart.

Veart moved to City last season from Salisbury after a protracted transfer wrangle.

The Foundation SA League club claims the wording in Veart's papers at the time of his signing reads: 'If said player, Veart, makes the Australian team, the sum of \$4,000 will be paid to Salisbury United on top of his transfer fee.'

Salisbury now claims



CARL VEART

Veart has satisfied that stipulation by repre-

senting the Australian Olympic squad on its

tour of Europe.

But according to Salisbury, Adelaide City in a letter to it said it felt the moral agreement was that the sum would be paid if Veart played for the full Socceroo said.

The wrangle has been raised at the SA Soccer Federation board. But members there agreed the matter should be decided between the clubs.

"We have carried out all negotiations through the proper channels but have received no satisfaction," said Salisbury vice-chairman, Bill Kearney.

"We don't want to take legal action but a principle is involved."

Salisbury claimed City would be the loser if club ties were severed.

again next season in the Foundation SA League.

His appointment was confirmed this week by president Tony Kilic, who is looking to his club making a concerted bid to join Australian soccer's elite.

"All our committee decided it was the right thing to do to appoint him again," said Kilic.

"We won two Cups last season and came within a point of winning a place in the NSL playoffs."

"That is a good record and we are satisfied we can build on that this season."

"We are to bring in a specialised junior development squad next season. That was Campbell's idea and it should be of great benefit to the club in the long run."

Kilic affirmed the NSL was his club's goal. "That is our over-riding target," he said.

"This is our chance to got for it."

"We were pleased with the strong squad we had last year. If we lose any players we shall replace them but largely we shall go in with what we had."

Campbell said: "I am happy with the first team squad I had last year, but one or two players could become available if we were to lose any."

"We shall be going out to play attacking soccer again and trying to entertain the public."

Port Adelaide coach Zoran Maricic is to stage a soccer revolution on November 11 at John Hart Reserve.

In a special charity exhibition match between selects from the North and South, Maricic will feature many of the revolutionary no

plays suggested to brighten soccer.

Larger goals, no offside, 10 players a team, no defensive walls etc will be used in the game which will benefit the Life Education Centre — an organisation which advises kids of the dangers of drugs.

"It should be a good day's entertainment and hopefully we can raise some cash for a very worthwhile cause," said Maricic.

"There will be full barbecue facilities and refreshments."

The ground should open at 12noon with an under-19s game at 1pm and the main attraction from 3pm.



Canberra revamps to absorb Bradley

BY GRAHAM COOKE

NSW State League club Canberra Croatia will drop the name "Croatia" from its title and partly reintroduce blue and gold strips in an attempt to broaden support in the community.

The decision was taken at the club's recent annual meeting.

Sources at the meeting said the proposals attracted a lengthy debate and there had been some opposition.

The president of Croatia's owner, the Croatia Deakin Club, Frank Crnkovic, said the team would, for the moment, be simply called Canberra.

"We might decide to adopt a second name in the future, possibly by means of a competition," he said.

The blue and gold colours, similar to that worn by Canberra City in its first season in 1977, would be introduced as an alternative strip to the current red, white and blue.

The team would wear it when a colour clash with the opposition required it to change.

The club would retain its current logo and badge.

Agreeing there had been a "misapprehension" that the Croatia Deakin Club was only interested in ethnic affairs, Crnkovic said he hoped this would convince soccer lovers and the Canberra public in general that its principal aim was the promotion of the code in the ACT area.

"It has been that way since we were established in 1958, and was

certainly the case when we stepped in, at a substantial cost, to save the team then known as the Canberra City Griffins in 1988," he said.

"Soccer is the most popular junior sport in the ACT. The task now before us all is to make it as popular at senior

National League place again, as long as we stick together."

"We have made some concessions in order to meet this objective."

"The Bradley Report states there should be a team from Canberra. We believe it should be this team."

On the question of who will coach Canberra in 1991, he said a decision on off-field staff would be made shortly.

"I would believe that [current first-team coach] Tom Sermanni is the front runner. Nobody in the ACT has better qualifications for the job than he does."

Asked if he was concerned that a number of last year's first team squad were now with other clubs, he said it was inevitable players would want to try their luck elsewhere.

"We have some very good juniors who are coming up, and if there is a need to provide more experience in the first team we will buy the players we need."

And he saw the club remaining at Deakin Oval for the foreseeable future.

"It is ridiculous to think we can at this moment attract the 15,000 to 20,000 people needed to make hiring Bruce Stadium worthwhile."

"Deakin has a capacity of between 5000 and 6000 and that is sufficient for our present needs."

"We have a continuing program of improvements, with the provision of a covered grandstand the next item on the agenda."

NAME SWITCHES

The latest name for Canberra's premier soccer team is the sixth in its 13-year history.

It began life in 1977 as plain Canberra City, changing to Canberra Arrows to fit in with the demands of its new sponsor, Lotto.

The next switch, to Canberra City Olympians, came after Downer Olympic took control in 1982.

Canberra City Griffins was born in 1987 in an attempt to play down the Greek connection.

The name was meant to associate with Lake Burley Griffin but ironically many saw the link with the mythical beast that is part of ancient Greek culture.

Croatia Deakin introduced "Croatia" into the title when it saved the club from extinction by buying the team from Downer in August, 1988.

level."

He would be contacting the ACT Soccer Federation to inform it of the development "in the hope we may now have an agreement to proceed together towards a place in the Quit National League."

"I believe we have a very good chance of a



Adelaide Croatia won both the South Australian Ampol Cup and the PGH Cup for 1990. Coach Don Campbell, the former FIFA referee, is in white in the centre of the picture — Photo by Janusz Kamma.

"We have provided more players to City than any other SA club," said Kearney. "And there are more youngsters in the pipeline. City would be the one to miss out."

"We also have kept players in training at the end of our season to help City in pre-season trials game. This kind of treatment in return is not good."

Salisbury also hit out at the unprofessionalism of top echelon soccer in Australia.

"We have had Mathew Coutouvidis selected in the Joeys squad and Heath Robertson picked to go to the AIS in Canberra but we yet have to receive official notification," said Kearney.

"That is far from a professional way for the top level of soccer to handle business."

Former FIFA referee Donald Campbell will coach Adelaide Croatia

Teams bank on Sportsforce

POSSIBLY Sydney's largest one-day five-a-side soccer tournament was staged recently at Warringah Rugby Club at North Narrabeen.

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The Tokai side contained the tourney's highest goal scorer in Spiro Hantzis, who scored 14 goals in the 10 games they played.

Tullett and Tokyo had most teams in the tournament, with all enjoying themselves in attractive shin length

shorts and not one progressing past the tourna-

ment's second round!

The referees included Manly Warringah State League stars Peter Leslie and Philip Moss,

North Shore United's Aaron Ferguson, Max Van Lueen and Bob Virgili from Seaford, Graham Wilks from NSW Champions of Champions Premier League side Brookvale and Scott England, Graeme Mahn, Andrew Melville

and Mark Allen from Forest Soccer Club.

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Dusan Purac, who has been conducting skills courses in conjunction with Sportsforce manager, Mark Blythe.

BY PAUL GOODWIN

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SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

Uruguay too classy in the rain

BY MARIO ETCHART

F.S. GARSIDE MEMORIAL SOCCER GROUND

THE seventh Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup ended last Saturday at Garside Park with two new champions — Uruguay in the All-Age category, and Greece in the over-35s.

Uruguay defeated defending champions Chile 2-0, while Greece were too strong for Uruguay in the 0/35s, downing the South Americans by a similar scoreline.

In the other matches, Peru defeated Colombia 3-2 for third place in the All-Age category, and Australia beat Ireland 2-0 to clinch third position in the over 35s.

URUGUAY 2
CHILE 0

With heavy rain falling over Garside Park, making play difficult for both teams during the first half, the Uruguayans finally earned a well-deserved victory in



The man in the picture at Garside Park in the Sydney suburb of Granville is Geoff Williams, who has been the scorekeeper attendant there for 24 years. He lends a hand in preparing the pitch for Granville Chile and the Sydney Ethnic World Cup.

the long awaited derby between the two strong South American teams.

The big crowd saw Uruguay take the coveted cup from Chile in great fashion, playing with determination, a superior fighting spirit, and giving everything during the 90 minutes of play.

It was a night to re-

member for the Uruguayan fans who celebrated the victory for long hours after the match.

It was their second title, winning previously in 1987.

Chile started better in the first 20 minutes, controlling the midfield through the work of Christian Ortiz, Zaya and Donoso, but the Uruguayan defence stood firm, closing all gaps, frustrating the efforts of the Chilean forwards.

Meanwhile, the new champions started to adjust their marks in the centre of the park and, with the brilliant display of Arcosa, Folladosa and Mellissourgos, and contributions from Arbelo and Perdomo, the trend of the match began to go the other way.

In the 37th minute,

Kadic sent a deep pass from defender Ciaramella in the box, Chilean stopper Willis cleared badly and Ciaramella, following the play, lobbed the ball perfectly over goalkeeper Marco to open the score for Uruguay.

Three minutes later, Chilean striker Andy Ferris left the ground injured and was replaced by Leo Ulloa.

Three minutes into the second half, Chilean defender Kulwicki brought down enterprising Uruguayan striker Alberto Arbelo just five metres outside the box.

The freekick was taken by Arcosa, who touched the ball short for Ciaramella, and the Uruguayan defender, with a great drive over the defensive wall, beat keeper Marco and added the second goal for the Uruguayans.

The goal relaxed the Uruguayans a bit, allowing the Chileans to react and search for goals.

But the Chilean efforts were to no avail against a well organised defence and the brilliance of goalkeeper Julio Lobos.

With Chile desperate, throwing everything into the Uruguayan box, the eventual winners, from counter attacks, created several scoring chances.

In the 69th minute a shot from Arbelo hit the post and, on the rebound, Perdomo sent the ball wide with a header.

In the 75th, the new champions had the opportunity to finish it off when Arbelo was brought down inside the box, but the penalty hot from Perdomo was saved brilliantly by keeper Marco.

And finally, in the 89th, a Mellissourgos shot was saved brilliantly by Marco.

The final whistle rewarded the Uruguayans with the coveted Ethnic Cup and \$10,000 in prizemoney.

It was an excellent display from all players in a Uruguayan side where Leo Arcosa, Julio Lobos and Alberto Arbelo were prominent, with defender Bruno Ciaramella man of the match.

For Chile, goalkeeper Marco and Ortiz were outstanding.

URUGUAY: Lobos (7), Nario (sent off 89th), Ciaramella (9), J. Fernandez (7), Piriz (7), Ar-

cosa (8), Perdomo (6), Folladosa (6), Arbelo (7), Mellissourgos (7), Kadic (5).

Coach: Fernando Mosquera.

CHILE: Marco (8), Villazon (5), Johnson (6), Kulwicki (6), Willis (6), Saza (6), Pereira (5) (55th Locaputo) (6), Ferris (5) (41st Ulloa) (4) Ortiz (7), Donoso (sent off 89th), Araujo (4).

Coach: Rafael Rodriguez. Referee: J. Bondler (8). Linesmen: L. Barnes and B. Ross.

Yellow cards: Arcosa (U), Folladosa (U); Ortiz (Ch).

Red cards: Nario (U) and Donoso (Ch).

Man of the match: Bruno Ciaramella (U).

3rd place

PERU 3
COLOMBIA 2

PERU: Vazquez, G. Barrera, Pacheco, Dilorio, Castro, Villar, F. Barrera, Anabalon, oger, Pachas, Uribe.

COLOMBIA: Jenkins, Scott, Massei, Van Edol, Thompson, Castaneda, Vanegas, McKie. (Only eight players).

Goals: 9th McKie (C), 51st Castro (P), 66th F. Barrera (P), 67th Massei (C), 72nd Castro (P).

Man of the match: J. McKie.

Greece wins the over 35s title

GREECE is the new champion in the over 35s Ethnic World Cup after a well deserved 2-0 victory over a disappointing Uruguayan outfit which was never able to reproduce the form shown against Australia the previous weekend.

The Greeks were more organised, better prepared physically, and outplayed Uruguay for most of the 60 minutes.

Thamnidis opened the score in the 21st minute after a brilliant individual effort, and Tsigolis added the second goal in injury-time after taking advantage of an Uruguayan defensive blunder.

GREECE: Georgoulis, Loustos, Loverdis, (37th

Gouskos), Drosos, Vlahos, Balafas, Kehaglias (59th Sotos), Nixeritis, Ziras, Tamnidis, Tsigolis.

URUGUAY: Mallo, Costa (53rd De Bruno), Ximeno, Martinez, Guarroz, Martell, Suarez, Mosquera, Llambi, R. Rodriguez (54th Rodriguez), Cabral.

Yellow cards: Ximeno (U), Martell (U).

Red Cards: Llambi (U) and Ziras (G).

Man of the Match: Thamnidis (G).

Third place

AUSTRALIA 2
IRELAND 0

AUSTRALIA: McGulre, Hardy, Mullen, Dennis Yaager, Harris, Suggett, Gibson, Byles, Ainslie, Cotton, Glenday. Butler replaced McGulre in the 30th and Russell replaced Yaager in the 40th.

IRELAND: Laing, Guilder, Cross, Hampson, McGuinn, Doyle, Sturgess, Turnbull, Noble, Rowden, McGovern.

Scorers: Cotton and Glenday.

Man of the Match: R. Cotton.

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More emphasis on high quality of NSW coaches

NSW DIRECTOR DAVID LEE WRITES

THERE has been a tremendous increase in numbers attending both Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Courses this year — approximately a 100% increase is estimated.

This is mainly due to four factors:-

1. Taking courses back to the districts.
2. A Level 1 Course which has been free of charge and tailored to suit the participants.
3. The Director of Coaching going out to districts to discuss coaching.

4. The appointment of regional coaches.

This has however led to a number of potentially serious problems which unless addressed could lead to a drop in coaching standards:-

a) The quality of instructors.

b) Supervision and quality control of courses in widely dispersed areas.

c) The standard of participants attending courses.

To produce great numbers of coaches has always been the aim of the National Coaching Scheme.

The number of coaches has been used as the criteria — wrongly in my view — as to whether coaching was successful or not.

This was particularly applied by the long serving, now retired National Director of Coaching.

In fact, this was the method used to allocate funds to various States to make available positions on Level 4 Courses.

The time has come for this to change.

There now has to be an emphasis on *quality* not quantity.

NSW will introduce part of this change in 1991.

A State Instructors Course will be held at Parklea on the second weekend in February (9th & 10th), 1991.

All coaches who hold the Level 3 Coaching Certificate and wish to be used as instructors on courses from 1991 onward are welcome to apply — *no one is exempt* other than National Staff Coaches.

Upon completion of the weekend, those attaining a satisfactory standard will receive a State Instructors Badge.

These people and only these people will conduct Level 2

Courses in NSW for the 1991 season.

The courses will be in four parts:

1. A practical session instructing coaches.

2. A practical session instructing elite youth players.

3. A ten (10) minute talk to a group on a specific topic.

4. A theory assignment.

This hopefully will alleviate the problem related to the quality of instructors and the supervision of course instruction.

This will also have a sobering affect on districts or regions that appoint a coach without first referring the selection to the State Director of Coaching.

They could, or already have, appointed a coach who will have no authority to conduct certificate courses under the National Coaching Scheme.

The third part of the upgrading, I will attack in 1991, that is, obtain-

ing a better standard of participant on courses.

This will necessitate:

a) Attending State League and National League clubs to talk to players.

b) Obtaining funds to hold players courses.

This action, will not endear me to a lot of people in the coaching fraternity, but being popular is not a requirement for this position.

The upgrading of Level 2 Courses from thirty six (36) to sixty (60) hours, including Bio-mechanics injury treatment and Fitness for Soccer also requires staff upgrading.

You have heard all the good news.

The bad news is, it will not be free of charge. Approximate cost are Live-in \$60, Attend daily \$40.

This move has the support of the NSW Coaches Federation, who are considering subsidising any of their members who attend, if finances are available.



Here is the scene at Sportsforce's 112 team inter-bank five-a-side, held at Warringah Rugby Park in the Warringah Peninsula area of Sydney. NZI won out ahead of the Tokai Australia bank.

Pelé, Puskas push

(from page 1)

curtain raiser is at 4.45pm, with a host of promotional activities before and at halftime of the main game.

Gates open at 4pm for what is an ideal opportunity for NSW fans to see two of the legends of world football.

Read the piece on "TEAM PICTURES WITH PELE" on Page 2 for details of how all club teams can be photographed with the master footballer at St George Stadium from 6pm on Saturday night.

Copies of the Pele Albums will be on sale at the match, with Pele personally signing books purchased before the kick-off.

Tickets for the charity dinner at Sydney Football Stadium, in aid of the Olympic Fund, are still available at \$200 each by ringing Pam Seaborn on 02 953 6807.

Pele himself will greet members of NSW champion junior and schools teams at Sydney Football Stadium on Monday, November 12 at 7.15pm, prior to the Gala Dinner.

Junior and schools players, coaches, managers, parents and friends are invited to go to the Pink Entry Gate 1 off Moore Park Rd 6pm.

Admission to the Sydney Football Stadium is free.

The first 2,000 children will each receive a McDonald's voucher and a drink.

Entertainment will include demonstrations by NSW Director of Coaching David Lee's Skills Squad,

videos of Pele in action, and the Transport Band and a South American band are expected to perform.

Pele himself will kick autographed

Umbro footballs into the crowd.

Further information can be obtained from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation on 02 629 2833.

Soccer clubs should check their tax exemptions

DON'T let your soccer football club or association lose interest on its savings accounts and investments because you aren't aware of the new tax rules, is the message from the Tax Office.

Tax may be deducted at 48.25 percent from interest where a tax file number or exemption is not quoted from July 1 1991.

New tax rules for savings accounts and investments were introduced.

Among the groups specifically exempted from the new rules were non-profit organisations, clubs, associations and charities.

For your organisation to qualify under this exemption the new rules state:

- your organisation must be one that is not required to lodge a tax return; and,
- doesn't presently have a tax file number.

The rules seem easy but how do you know whether or not your organisation should be lodging a tax return?

A few simple tests can be applied.

For a charitable organisation's income to be exempt from income tax it must be formed to promote: the relief of poverty; education; a religion; or other purpose beneficial to the community.

Some examples of exempt organisations would be:

- public schools and universities
- parents and citizens associations;
- parents and friends associations;
- hospital auxiliaries;
- women's refuges and similar organisations;
- Lifeline and similar organisations;
- St Vincent de Paul, Smith

Family and similar organisations;
• Apex, Rotary, Lions and similar service clubs;
• community welfare bodies (eg advisory centres);
• refugee assistance bodies;
• migrant assistance bodies; and
• overseas aid organisations.

This list gives examples only and should not be considered exhaustive.

Groups which promote the arts, music or sport may also be exempt from income tax.

They must be non-profit organisations and any yearly surplus or profits must remain with the organisation; not be distributed to members.

If the organisation is dissolved, any accumulated funds must go to another, or similar organisation. Some examples of such bodies are:

- sporting clubs which are not conducted for the financial benefit of members and which do not conduct a social club;
- public museums, public libraries and public art galleries.

If you are still not sure of the status of your club, association or charity you should seek advice from your local Australian Taxation Office.

Once the status of your organisation is worked out the new rules for savings accounts and investments are straight-forward.

Someone eligible to represent your organisation should fill out a tax file number notification/exemption form to claim the exemption from having to give a tax file number.

Eligible people include the treasurer, secretary, chairperson or any recognised public officer of the organisation.

Raciti stands at Apia



WELL-known Sydney soccer identity Tony Raciti is standing for a position on the board of the Apia Social Club Ltd.

Mr Raciti is both a former member of the board and Apia Soccer Club public relations officer.

He is the long-serving president of the Apia Junior Soccer Club, of which he is a life member, and has been a highly successful team coach for the past 13 years.

He told ASW: "I am an independent candidate, with no connection to any of the other 15 standing for the nine directorships."

The ballot, being conducted by the State Electoral Office, closes on December 10.

The Apia Social Club Ltd is facing tremendous difficulties.

A loss of \$977,460.57 was apparently sustained for 1989/90 of which \$517,759.44 was related to soccer after an income of \$344,397.75.

It is to be hoped that the new board can overcome the problems that threaten to engulf the club.

— KEITH GILMOUR

DARLING HARBOUR FUN RUN

The Coca-Cola Darling Harbour Fun Run will be held on Sunday.

A weekend at Fairmont Resort at Leura is the prize for the fastest male and female on the day.

The event is split into six age groups.

Beneficiary for the event is the Variety Club of Australia, which helps handicapped and underprivileged children.

The winners in the up to 11 years age group will be able to go with their families to Australia's Wonderland.

Soccer will be represented by Women's national captain Anissa Tann, skills coach Dusan Purac and Australian indoor international John "Woody" Fraser.

Send a stamped, addressed envelope to Sportsforce, PO Box 5065, West Chatswood 2057 or ring 410 9819 for an entry form.

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Young Aussie off to South America

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DAVID LAIME, a bright 15-year-old, leaves for South America on Wednesday to enhance his playing experience with top professionals.

Former top Argentinian player, Hector Martinez, has arranged for young David to have training stints with ace clubs Boca Juniors and River Plate.

The Professional Soccer Players' Association will

accommodate Laime whilst he is in Argentina.

Martinez told us this week: "David has a fine future."

"He is an attacking left midfielder and has already gained selection in the Australian Under 16s."

National Youth League (Southern Div)

BY ROY HAY

NORTHCOTE City and Springvale City played the match postponed from Round 3 under lights at John Cain Reserve last Thursday week with the home team running out winners 3-0.

Chris Mandoulidis converted a deep cross from the wing in 12 minutes and Jim Bemdelas repeated the move five minutes before half time.

Mandoulidis made the points secure with his second goal in 62 minutes.

The match was played in fine spirit and Springvale fought back in the latter stages without luck.

On the Sunday, Adelaide City continued on its winning way with a 5-0 home win at Newtown Sports Centre over Melbourne Croatia Colts.

Ross Aliosi returned to the Youth team after a couple of senior outings and scored twice with Carlo Taladira, Joe Barbaro and Alf Ianniello also on target.

The match between Caulfield City and Sunshine George Cross was switched to Skinner Re-

serve and brought no luck to Caulfield, as Georgie won convincingly 5-1.

Athan Zacharias struck a hat-trick and Mitchell Cattermole and Gus Bregante added further goals before George Alikakos pulled one back from the penalty spot.

South Melbourne Hellas defeated Altona Gate 2-0 at Paisley Reserve. In the absence of Con Boutsianis and Michael Michalakopoulos, Souths switched midfielder Peter Nikola-kopoulos to striker and he showed his touch there with both goals.

Preston Makedonia had a 2-0 away win against Springvale City at the Frank Holohan Sports Complex.

It took Preston until the 70th minute to break down a resolute Springvale City defence, then Elvis Dimitrievski continued his goalscoring run and George Vasilevski added the other.

A very powerful Melbourne Croatia beat Northcote City 6-0 at Somers Street.

Husein Skenderovic returned after his stint at St Albans in the Victorian State League and celebrated with a hat-trick.

Ivan Duzel chipped in

with two goals and Richard Milanovic made up the tally.

Heidelberg's finishing let it down as it dominated the game at Olympic Village against Brighton but only had a single goal to show for its efforts.

Ljube Gicevski got that one, but coach John Kennedy was left scratching his head at the ones which got away.

Brighton plugged away but could not get a goal.

South Melbourne Hellas Colts recovered to beat Geelong City by the odd goal in five at Middle Park.

Gutsy work by Richard O'Sullivan gave Steven Ginovski a chance to put City one-up with a header, but two goalkeeping errors let Alex Keratzoglou score twice for the Colts, the second coming a minute after the interval.

O'Sullivan finished off a City move involving Charles Fitzpatrick and Craig Plummer for the equaliser, but Craig Ireland came up from the back to head the decisive goal for Colts with five minutes to play.

[ASW regrets that, due to print deadlines, these reports cover the previous week's play — Ed]

Belnorth Soccer Academy ACT



The Belnorth Soccer Academy in Canberra runs for eight weeks and is tailored to develop the skills of players in the 11-13 years of age group. There are 30 participants, with various guest coaches invited each week to conduct the two hour sessions. The Academy is pleased to have P.O.M. t-shirts of Mitchell as its sponsor.

The Robert Wheatley Column

What a day at Parklea!

AFTER experiencing my first Champion of Champions finals as an organiser of the event, I can inform readers that the day is certainly a showpiece for the NSWASF in all respects.

With the co-operative efforts of an army of helpers, the finals day at Parklea was a huge success.

The enormity of the whole tournament also meant that the finals deserved every effort to make it a memorable day for players and spectators alike.

The 272 team competition brought together the top club sides in each age group from U9 to All Age.

Over 350 players were involved in finals contested, and an amazing 64 goals were scored — an average of four per game.

Over 6000 people



DAVID SEAL

witnessed the best the state had to offer, and the excitement at being crowned the No 1 team in the state for their age group was understandable during presentation time.

Young Soccerroo, David Seal, who assisted in the presentations, was genuinely excited about the U13 thriller between CSI and Mt Pritchard which produced eight goals in a classic contest.



(Lord Mayor of Blacktown), Charlie Valentine (the man after whom the Parklea complex was named), Bill Cullinan (competition secretary), Bill Lodge (referees), Harrie Denning (tournament director), NSWASF Executive committee and Frank Broughton (Registrar).

The sponsors were the Commonwealth Bank, Patrick, Umbro, Mercantile Mutual, A-1 Photos, Sports Exchange and Delta Sports.

Also to the fore was the NSWASF for their co-operation with the Valentine sports complex, and Sally and Louise, NSWASF staff members.

Many players and whole teams took advantage of the super offer to purchase Champion of Champions T-shirts on the day.

If you missed the offer there are more available if you contact the office on 629 2833.

The finals day had an appropriate venue in the facilities that Valentine Sports Complex offered, with good grounds, change rooms for every team and an excellent presentation area inside the gymnasium.

There was general agreement that the day ran extremely well and many people are to be thanked for their contribution.

Coaching standards improved

LEVEL 2 Courses from January 1 next will increase from 36 to 60 hours in duration in NSW.

Staff standards and control procedures will be upgraded.

With this in mind a compulsory state instructors course will be held on February 9/10.

Coaches holding a Level 3 Certificate who wish to coach on a Level 2 Course will have to attend and be assessed in four sections:

1. Coaching coaches.
2. Coaching elite youth players.
3. Conducting a 10 minute lecture.
4. Completing a written assignment.

The only coaches exempt are national staff coaches appointed by the Australian Soccer Federation.

The numbers will be limited to twenty (20), these will be screened on qualifications and experience.

The cost will be Live-in: \$60, Attend Daily: \$40.

Successful candidates will be issued a state instructors' badge and only these personnel will conduct Level 2 coaching courses.

The successful candidates will also have to attend further instruction at a later date.

If wishing to apply for enrolment on this course, please contact Tricia on 629 1800 for an application form.

Formal application for admittance will close on 25th November, 1990.

If accepted, you will be notified and you can then forward the fee.



Apia (left) won the Champion of Champions final 2-0 from Marconi (right). Pic by RON HUGHES.

GUEST JOEYS



Members of the Joeys were guests at the 1990 closing ceremony for the ACT Academy of Soccer at the AIS Weightlifting Theatre. About 250 students attended the ceremony where trophies were presented by AIS assistant coach Steve O'Connor and junior official, Rod Woods. Afterwards everyone watched a movie of Argentine World Cup star Diego Maradona.



Action from the U/14 Champion of Champions final in which Liverpool-Albion defeated Apia 4-0. Pic: RON HUGHES.

1990 NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

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Southern Dist excel at Parklea

FROM RON HUGHES

WITH a strong representation in the Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions, clubs from Southern Districts finished the finals with three winners and three runners up.

All six teams are to be congratulated on reaching the peak level of competition in the state for 1990.

Marconi Juniors U9 squad were successful 6-1 in their match against St Marys.

The Marconi boys began enthusiastically, scoring in the fifth minute with a goal from a corner by Gareth Edds to Luke Dryland, who passed back for Gareth to find the net with a tremendous shot.

Two minutes later, St Marys equalised from a free kick outside the 18yd box, to score the only goal conceded by Marconi in their Champion of Champions matches.

Marconi, showing their earlier form, came back with a goal by Simon Catanzaro who headed the ball in off a cross from Sasha Jovanio.

Simon scored a further goal before half time for a 3-1 lead at the break.

They commenced the second half with the same enthusiasm with a goal in the third minute by Nahuel Arrarate from outside the penalty area.



Marconi Juniors — U9 Champions.

Panetta praised their boys for a great team effort all season, and due credit must be given also to both these men for their outstanding effort this season.

Reversal

Marconi Juniors U12 side, in somewhat a reversal of form, was defeated 2-0 by Apia in their final.

Apia led 1-0 at half time, after a goal by Danny Orlando scored off a well executed move which commenced in their half.

Marconi had several chances but could not net the ball.

The second half played out the same with Jay Anderson scoring for Apia for their 2-0 win.

Marconi could not find the form that had

At the break coach Bo Turner fed his team some good advice along

half to play a big part in the lead up work for Albion's scoring



Apia — U12 Champions.

chances.

Brett Cole, determined to leave his mark on proceedings, pushed forward to score his team's final goal in the 57th minute to give Liverpool Albion a 4-0 results.

Every team member played well with the Man of the Match going to James Galea a whisker ahead of Brett Cole, who has had an exceptional season.

The outstanding feature of the Liverpool Albion U14 squad is their teamwork which has enabled them to scoop the pool in 1990, winning the U14 Minor Premiership and Pre-

The half time whistle was welcomed by all players as the oppressive heat started to take its toll on both sides.

Realising the part the heat could play in the result, Liverpool Albion came back from the break determined to take control early and break the spirit of their opposition.

Their tactics worked well, enabling Johnny Bartlett to score three quick goals for Albion, the third, a sweetly timed chip over the Sans Souci defence leaving them stranded as he took Liverpool to a 4-1 lead.

Players and specta-

miership in Southern Districts, along with the State Cup and the Champion of Champions Final.

This completely validates Liverpool Albion's claim to be truly the Champion U14 team in NSW club football.

Landslide

In weather more suited to the beach than soccer, Liverpool Albion's U18 side took the lead in the first half of their final with a magnificent header by Barry Smith, off a perfect corner from Mick Manning.

Sans Souci levelled the score at 1-1 before half time from a penalty taken by Terry Salvartzis.

tors alike were stunned as Barry Smith, in a 30 metre run, beat six defenders to take Albion to an unbeatable 5-1 lead.

Jason Keen, following the example set, put Albion further ahead 6-1 several minutes later.

Mick Manning added the final goal for Liverpool Albion's 7-1 victory over Sans Souci.

Mick Guest played himself to the point of exhaustion in the crippling heat and Brad Grant put in a great second half.

Maurie Tacca was superb in goal and Jason Thorne was tireless in defence along with, tackling machine, Mick Cox.

Man of the Match honours were shared between Barry Smith and Johnny Bartlett, two very talented players.

Mt Pritchard were defeated 5-3 after extra time by CSI Schofields in the U13 final.

In a very even first half CSI capitalised on their best chances to lead 1-0 at half time.

Three minutes into the second half Mt Pritchard levelled the score with a goal by Robert.

Several minutes later Mounties went into the lead 2-1 with a great goal from Andrew McDermott, but CSI bounced back immediately to level at 2-2.

With 10 minutes left on the clock, Robert gave Mounties the lead.

With what looked like a victory in their grasp,

Mt Pritchard saw it slip away as CSI levelled again just minutes from full time at 3-3.

When the match went into extra time CSI took the initiative and as things slipped further away from Mt Pritchard, CSI scored again for a 5-3 victory.

Macquarie

Abruzzi went down 4-2 to Garden Suburb from Macquarie District in the U16 final.

A goal by Abruzzi's Whan Trugng disallowed early in the match set his teams strategy off the rails long enough for Robert Pryor to score from a free kick.

Abruzzi fought back to draw level with a goal by Anthony Komadina.

From a corner Garden Suburb were awarded a penalty, which was converted by Robert Pryor to take them into the lead 2-1 at half time.

Suburb scored early in the second half with a beautiful shot by Ivan 'Guru' Feletti.

Taking a free kick from centrefield, Douglas Frendo found Denis Katic in the penalty area.

He brought Abruzzi back into striking range with their second goal.

Throwing every one forward looking for an equaliser cost Abruzzi dearly when Ivan Feletti put home his shot from a pass by Darren Grubb to Robert Pryor.

He sent the ball on to Ivan for the final goal of the match, resulting in a 4-2 win to Garden Suburb.

Wakehurst, Brookvale succeed

WAKEHURST keeper Tony Arnold saved a penalty to give his side victory in the NSW Champion of Champions U15 final.

His team was locked at 2-2 and 3-3 on penalties with St Marys Band Club when Arnold's good work decided the issue at 4-3.

Brookvale retained the all age crown it won last year, with a 1-0 victory over Engadine Eagles.

Dudley Fox was the hero of the game, scoring his goal after spreadeagling the defence in the second half.

Simon Eurers was the man who kept the Brookvale defence together when it was under siege.

The Champion of Champions series over, Greg Bush, Richard Fry and coach Sam Mesite will be still involved in sport.

All are members of the Manly first grade cricket side.



Liverpool Albion — U14 Champions.

St Marys fought hard to keep Marconi out till the 14th minute, when Nahuel converted a penalty to give Marconi a 5-1 lead.

Straight after, St Marys looked like scoring their second goal but a determined Marconi goalkeeper Matthew Arancio pulled off an outstanding save to keep them out.

Gareth scored his second goal from a pass by Nahuel just before full time to give Marconi a 6-1 win.

Coach Sam Penna and Manager Mick

taken them to the final, conceding only one goal to 11 scored, but deserve credit for completing the season with only this loss all year.

Liverpool Albion took out the daily double with wins in the U14 and U18 finals.

Although starting nervously against Apia in the U14 match, the magnificent Albion defence of Brett Cole and James Galea ensured a goal-less first half for Apia, while Jason Grant was unlucky not to have given Liverpool a 1-0 lead.

with their oranges, as they came out with all pistons firing.

The relentless effort by Bradley 'Badger' Turner pushed the Apia defence till he put his team in the lead in the 38th minute.

Shifting left-back, Adrian Lombardo, to the wing worked well as he took the lead to 2-0 with a screamer in the 46th minute.

Four minutes later 'Badger' made it 3-0 for Albion with his second goal of the match.

Brad Keen stirred into life in the second



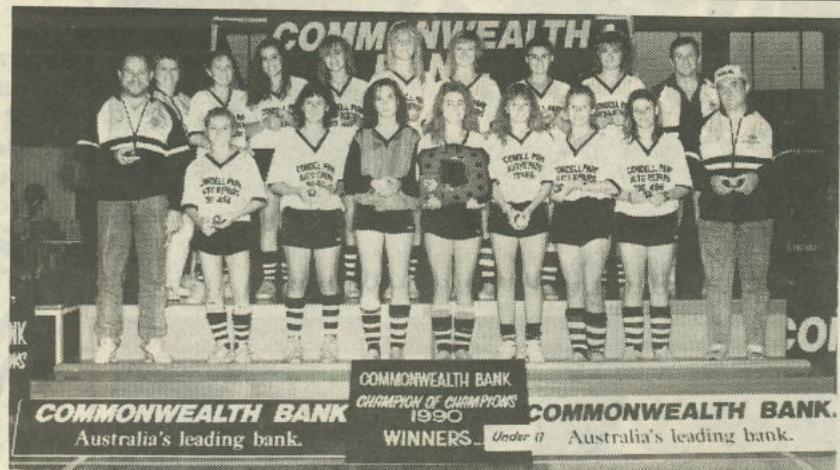
CSI — U13 Champions.

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1990 NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS



Balgownie — U10 Champions.



Condell Park B — U17 Women's Champions.



Campbelltown P.Y. — U11 Champions.



Liverpool Albion — U18 Champions.



Wakehurst — U15 Champions.



West Pennant Hills — U21 Champions.



Maquarie — U16 Champions.



Castle Glen — AA Womens Champions.



Castle Hill — U17 Champions.



Brookvale — AA Champions.



French international Laurent Blanc (right) and Belgian veteran Eric Gerets clash in the Montpellier v PSV UEFA Cup Round 1 clash. In round 2, the French club are away to Steaua in Bucharest on Wednesday — after winning 5-0 at home.

Real's woes

BY LOU GAUTIER



Yugoslav defender Presad Spasic — on the outer at Real Madrid.

WHILE Barcelona are still setting the pace in Spain, their arch-rivals, Real Madrid, are anything but happy with their current form in the Spanish league where Barcelona are hogging the limelight.

Coach John Toshack is said to be leaving very soon, probably returning to his former club, Real Sociedad.

Toshack is most unhappy with the form of his new signings, Romanian Gheorghe Hagi and especially Yugoslav defender Presad Spasic, who is about to be let go.

Real are keen to sign Red Star Belgrade's Romanian international Belodedici (ex-Steaua Bucharest) to replace Spasic.

They are also on the

ranks for CSKA Sofia's Bulgarian international striker, Ivanov.

The only upside of

The onus has fallen on Barcelona, who are supplying the bulk of the Spanish side these days, much to the



GEORGHE HAGI

Real's mediocre form is that national coach Luis Suarez has only been selecting a handful of their players in his Spanish team.

annoyance of Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff who claims his players are over-committed.

UAE WANTS WORLD CUP

THE United Arab Emirates have applied to FIFA to host the 1993 World Youth Soccer Cup (under 17s).



And Datuk Hamza, chief of the Asian Football Confederation, told a press conference in Dubai the UAE had a good chance of winning the right to host the event.

Japan and the United States have also applied to host the championships.

Hamza is in Dubai on an Asian under-16 team tour.

SEELER STILL PLAYING

UWE Seeler, West Germany's World Cup skipper in 1966, is still running up the goals even though he's now 53.

The evergreen Seeler recently scored five times for a team of golden oldies against an amateur side.

His red-faced son was playing against him... in goal!

Good deal for Argentine clubs

ARGENTINE football remains as financially strapped as ever.

Latest estimate is that the global debt of the Argentine First Division clubs exceeds \$40 million — an astronomical figure in a country where players' salaries are now amongst the smallest in any major soccer power.

The mass exodus of Argentines abroad continues unabated.

Now, even juniors and virtual unknowns are leaving monthly, literally by the plane load.

Confronted by the leading clubs' bankruptcy — River Plate are \$5 million in the red, Boca Juniors \$4 million and San Lorenzo \$3 million — the government have

ordered the National Bank of Argentina to loan the clubs the money they need to get out of trouble.

But there has been an outcry at the very favourable terms meted to the football clubs.

They have five years to pay — at only 1 per cent interest!

During that period, the bank will automatically collect 30% of all transfer deals.

The bank will also pocket all gate takings and TV and soccer pools rights.

Needless to say the indebted clubs are delighted, but businessmen, also in grave financial peril, are furious Argentine president Carlos Menem has not accorded them similarly generous terms.

And no wonder!
— LOU GAUTIER



Happy birthday, Diego... Maradona turned 30 last week. His 1986 World Cup triumph remains his finest hour.

Germans' Euro-92 scare

WORLD champions Germany survived a major scare in the second half before beating tiny Luxembourg 3-2 in their opening Euro-92 qualifier at Luxembourg last Wednesday.

Germany raced to a 3-0 lead after 49 minutes through goals by Jurgen Klinsmann, Uwe Bein and Rudi Voller, but Luxembourg, with only three professional players, scored twice within the space of minutes through Jean-Paul Girres and Roby Langers.

In the final 20 minutes, Luxembourg came very close to equalising, but were denied by great saves from German keeper Bodo



JURGEN KLINSMANN

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In Budapest, Cyprus conceded two penalties as they lost 4-2 to Hungary.

Both penalties were converted by Jozsef Kiprich after Emil Lorinc put the home side ahead 1-0 after only 50 seconds.

The win took Hungary to the top of Group 4. They had previously been even with Norway and Italy.

In Belgrade, Darko Pancev, in sizzling form these days, scored a hat-trick as Yugoslavia trounced Austria 4-1.

After Andreas Ogris had given the visitors a shock 15th minute lead, Pancev made good his pre-match boast that Yugoslavia would win easily with goals in the 32nd, 52nd and 86th minutes.

Srecko Katanec out-jumped a shaky Austrian defence to score Yugoslavia's other goal, in the 43rd minute.

Greece, for their part, thrashed Malta 4-0 in Athens in their Group 6 qualifier.

The new-look, young

Greek side dominated the match.

Captain Dimitris Saravakos missed a 14th minute penalty but scored the 59th.

By then Greece were already 2-0 up thanks to goals from Nikos Tsiatakis, the best player on the field, and Vasilos Karapialis.

Stefanos Borbokis rounded the scoreline two minutes from the end.

On Saturday, in Rome, an injury-hit Italy, minus Bergomi, Giannini and Donadoni, struggled to force a 0-0 draw with the Soviet Union in Group 3.

Dangerous twin strikers Roberto Baggio and Salvatore Schillaci failed to produce the goals as the tough Soviet defence held its ground.

The Soviets, actually controlled the midfield and were well led up front by young new star Igor Dobrovolsky, the player who destroyed Australia in the 1988 Olympic Games quarter-finals.



Americans and Soccer

States of Indifference

BY BOYD HILTON★

WOULD you believe me if I told you that soccer is the most popular participation sport in the United States?

Would you accept the possibility that almost all Americans understand football's appeal, its rules and tactics, and they would all just love to watch it every week on TV live and uninterrupted?

Did you realise that the USA stands a good chance of winning the next World Cup?

Actually, that last claim is pure nonsense, but there is strong reason to suggest that all the pre-1994 World Cup horror stories about American ignorance, apathy and even hatred surrounding football are part of a massive media conspiracy.

Journalists, driven by rabid anti-Americanism and seemingly lacking any powers of insight, let alone research, have established in the soccer mind a certain image: the bloated, baseball-hatted jerk hurling beer cans at the TV set as soon as the merest sight of a soccer ball flashes across the screen.

We've all seen the viewing figures: more Americans watched a documentary on pig-farming in Kansas on the Cable Agricultural Channel than tuned into the World Cup final on the Yo! Sport! Channel, or whatever it's called.

Sadly, American mainstream hacks go along with this pervasive anti-soccer myth.

Perhaps the 'football correspondents' on the big American papers only pretend to know the barest of details about our beloved game.

The fact is that practically everyone has played football in America at one time or another.

It's hardly surprising that a poor college kid decides against forking out vast wads of dollars for an American-football armour-kit and reinforced truss when he can turn to the simple charms of the white leather ball and a pair of shiny shorts.

Wouldn't you rather learn the simple skills of passing and dribbling than attempt to make sense of the myriad finger-signals and pitching techniques?

Footballers are being kicked all over the fields of schools and colleges across the States, but in the same way that no-one knows what happens to British tennis players when they turn 16, so in America, footballers somehow disappear when they graduate.



US fans: will they support the World Cup at home in 1994?

The reason for this vaporisation of soccer talent is, of course, money!

The powerful media-controllers in America are happy with the sporting status-quo, wherein baseball, American football and to a lesser extent, basketball and ice-hockey, soak up the bucks, the air-time and the column inches, because their appeal is guaranteed.

In the same way that Hollywood finds it difficult to finance films without big-name stars and an explosion every three seconds, so the TV networks see no attraction in soccer —

no stars and certainly no explosions.

The real reason why no-one watched the World Cup, for the few moments it was broadcast, was that no-one knew it was on.

No-one knew it was on because no-one told them.

Only the Spanish-language station broadcast more than a handful of games and, even then, the action was crudely interrupted by adverts at vital moments.

And the disappointing standard of the tournament as a whole must have done little to improve soccer's standing with the bul-

ging big-wigs.

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PREBEN FINED



FORMER Danish international striker Preben Elkjaer has been fined more than \$1000 by his club side Vejle for not wearing a suit and tie while watching a first team match from the stands.

"I never saw such a thing during my career in Italy," said the former Verona player.

"We weren't forced to wear ties — we had to win games."

"That was what mattered to Italian managers."

Larsen said he would stay with the Danish First Division club in 1991.

Barcelona bonuses

Barcelona's good start in the Spanish league — the famous Catalan club's best in 62 years — will make their players even richer.

Already the best paid players in Spain, the Barcelona stars are on the following bonuses:

- ★ \$3,000 for every home win
- ★ \$5,000 for an away win
- ★ \$30,000 if they win the Spanish Club
- ★ \$45,000 if they win the European Cup-Winners' Cup
- ★ \$55,000 per player for winning the Spanish league

Footnote: Barcelona somewhat tarnished their record when they suffered their first loss — 2-1 against Atletico Madrid last Saturday week.



A chip off the old block — Pele's son Edinho, who has joined his father's old club, Santos, as a goalkeeper.

European Cup finals sites

THE 1990/91 European Champions' Cup final will be played in Rotterdam on May 29.

The Dutch seaport already hosted the 1972 and 1982 finals.

The Italian city of

Bari, with its spectacular stadium, the most futuristic site of Italia '90, will host the Cup-Winners' Cup, on May 15.

Wrexham, Wales, wanted to stage the Champions' Cup final but UEFA officials de-

clared their stadium 'primitive', and St Etienne (France) lost out to Bari in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

The UEFA Cup final, of course, will be a two-legged home-and-away affair as always.



MARIUS LACATUS: his form with Fiorentina and Romania has been disappointing.

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- Josip Skoblar is the new coach of troubled Hajduk Split, replacing Luka Peruzovic, who resigned.
- The 21 November match in Leipzig between the former East and West Germans will not be recognised as a full international by FIFA, which has only one German state as an affiliated member since the two countries merged politically on October 3.
- The proposed transfer of Argentinian international Pedro Troglio from Lazio to Bundesliga side Bayer Uerdingen has fallen through because the Bundesliga club found the transfer fee of \$2.5 million too steep.
- Sacked by Palmeiras, former Brazilian World Cup coach Tele Santana was only out of work for a week, having joined neighbouring FC Sao Paulo.
- South Korea's 1-0 win over North Korea last month attracted the biggest crowd ever at a soccer match in South Korea when 88,000 spectators packed the Seoul Olympic Stadium. A week earlier, a mammoth 150,000 watched North Korea win 2-1 in Pyongyang.
- Fiorentina, now coached by Brazilian World Cup coach Sebastiao Lazaroni, have offered \$3.5 million for Benfica playmaker Valdo, but the Portuguese club are asking twice that amount to part with their talented Brazilian.
- South African-born Eddie Firmani, who played in Italy for Inter and Sampdoria in the fifties, is amongst the hostages in Iraq. Firmani was coaching a Kuwaiti club. Tough luck: he returned from holidays in the USA only 24 hours before the Iraqi invasion.
- Brazilian goalkeeper Regis has been transferred from Vasco de Gama. The 25-year-old has joined the mass exodus of his countrymen to Portugal to play for Braga.
- San Marino, entered in the European Championships for the first time, have a new coach — Giori Leoni. The tiny republic located smack in the middle of Italy, are in Group 2.
- Union Yaounde have won the Cameroun First Division title. They finished 12 points ahead of Prevoyance. The country's leading two clubs, who provide the bulk of the national team's locally-based players, Tonnerre and Canon, could only manage fourth and fifth respectively.
- Former Bayern Munich libero Werner Olk is the new coach of the Moroccan national team. He replaces Brazilian Faria.

Sturm Storm

IS this a record? Sturm Graz of Austria have sacked their West German coach Werner Olk after just TWO DAYS!

Poor old Werner arrived at Sturm to find the players had gone on strike following the surprise dismissal of former boss Gustl Starek.

He lasted just 48 hours before the directors gave way and reappointed Starek.



Czechoslovak international Lubomir Moravcik, now with French club St Etienne.

Roberto Baggio (right) in action against Luigi Ferri in the recent Lecce v Juventus Italian league clash.

GANSLER TO CONTINUE

BOB Gansler, the USA's much-criticised World Cup coach, has been given the all-clear to carry on.

New US Federation president Alan Rothenburg says: "Hopefully, he'll be with us right through to 1994."

"Bob is a good, solid coach. He got us to the World Cup in Italy. I think he has made a lot of progress, though we know there is still a lot to do."

As part of his rebuild-



BOB GANSLER

ing plans, Gansler has grabbed Willem II's goalscoring Dutchman Ernie Stewart for his team.

Stewart, whose father is American, was born in Holland but lived in the States from the age of two to seven.



Soviets hail new superstar

BY LOU GAUTIER

SOVIET football has discovered a new superstar.

Following the mass departure of most of the USSR's better known players to Western European clubs, Soviet football was badly in need of a fresh new face for the fans to idolise.

He has emerged in the person of 21-year-old Sergei Yuran.

Sergei who? You may well ask, as he is still unknown outside the Soviet Union, but at home he is all the rage.

Yuran, the new central striker of champions Dynamo Kiev, was the latest discovery of Valeri Loba-

novsky before he quit the club and the coaching post of the national team.

It should not take Yuran long to make a name for himself abroad as well as he is the new latest addition to the USSR team, now coached by Anatoly Byshovits.

His debut for the national side was spectacular.

He scored two of his country's goals in their 3-0 win over Israel last month and also a brace in his team's first round UEFA Cup tie.

Hard to believe, but two years ago Yuran almost gave the game away.

Four days before he was scheduled to make his debut in the Dynamo first team he was seriously injured while playing for the club's junior side.

He suffered a double fracture of the right shin as well as severely damaged ligaments.



VALERI LOBANOVSKY

It took 20 months of physiotherapy and hard work to get back into shape.

Now that this has been achieved — with impressive results — the future belongs to young Yuran, the only current Dynamo Kiev player to have several fan clubs all over his native Ukraine.

